September 21, 2007

Jeff Melby, Project Manager State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Melby:

The City of Palo Alto Open Space Division is very pleased to support the application from Acterra's Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Stewardship Project for a grant from the Coastal Conservancy for the Riparian Corridor Restoration Project. In July of 1997, the City of Palo Alto signed a stewardship agreement with Acterra, which has been extended into 2012, to provide community education and habitat restoration on the preserve. Each year, Acterra involves hundreds of volunteers, representing every walk of life, in restoration work on the preserve. Through Acterra's sound management of the Stewardship program over the past ten years, they have amply demonstrated that they have the staffing, experience, dedication and resources to successfully accomplish the objectives of the grant program.

As one of the primary partners engaged in Acterra's restoration work at the Arastradero Preserve, we have had the opportunity to see first hand how their community-based stewardship approach benefits the native landscape of the preserve.

We are excited about Acterra's new vision to develop and evaluate innovative approaches to their restoration work, and to share what they learn with other land managers and restoration practitioners throughout the Bay area. This will increase community involvement, enhance volunteer satisfaction, and improve restoration practices not only on the preserve, but also on open space and wildlands throughout the region. We look forward to applying what they learn to our own restoration efforts at Foothill Park, Clark Preserve and the Baylands Preserve.

Our enthusiasm extends to Acterra's plans for the reestablishment of a thriving riparian corridor along a 1,100-foot reach of Arastradero Creek. This project will recreate an important section of the creek that had been placed into a culvert many years ago by the former landowner. The project has been supported by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service because of its strong potential for re-establishing critical habitat for endangered tiger salamanders and California red-legged frogs

We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with Acterra and again express our strong support for their application to the Coastal Conservancy. If I can answer and questions or offer any additional support for this application, please call me directly at 463-4906.

Sincerely,

Greg Betts
Open Space & Parks Division Manager

PETER DREKMEIER

Councilmember, City of Palo Alto 250 Hamilton Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301

November 19, 2007

Jeff Melby Project Manager California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Melby:

This letter is to express my enthusiastic support for Acterra's proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to support habitat restoration and education efforts at the Arastradero Preserve in Palo Alto.

The 600+ acre Preserve is of great ecological importance to the region, providing exceptional habitat for numerous native plants and animals. Two ponds on the Preserve have the potential to be restored to prime red-legged frog habitat. The restoration work Acterra is performing along a recently day-lighted creek could serve as a vital migration corridor for frogs to their necessary upland habitat.

With limited financial resources, the City of Palo Alto has depended on Acterra for its leadership on habitat restoration efforts at the Arastradero Preserve. For the past 10 years we have enjoyed an extremely successful public/private partnership in which Acterra has enlisted upwards of 1,000 volunteers each year in the removal of invasive, exotic plants and the planting of beneficial native species. Without Acterra's involvement, much of this work would not have been possible.

With tens of thousands of visitors each year, the Arastadero Preserve serves as an excellent venue for educating school groups, community organizations and the general public about the importance of native ecosystems. Furthermore, Acterra's habitat restoration work has inspired similar projects in other nearby parks and preserves.

By blending sound ecological science with hands-on work, Acterra has compiled an impressive track record of successful habitat restoration work. As it grows as an organization, Acterra is well-positioned to have an even greater impact. Support from the Coastal Conservancy would help enable this growth.

Please feel free to call me at (650) 444-4017 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Peter Drekmeier



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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 13th Floor, 1330 Broadway Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Berryessa Trails and Conservation Grant Request Support

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Bureau of Reclamation supports the grant request submitted to you by *Berryessa Trails and Conservation* (BT&C) under the Educational, Community-Based "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Grant Program.

We are the managing agency of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Area. We have been working with BT&C on trail and conservation issues for some time and enthusiastically support their development of a local volunteer crew to further assist in projects. Recruiting local residents and users to help develop recreational facilities and manage public resources will help us to engage our constituency and expand our ability to respond to the public's recreational needs. This proposal is doubly welcome as for many members of the public volunteer conservation efforts are a form of outdoor recreation.

In recent years Reclamation has increased its focus on interpretation involving our reservoirs and the areas that surround them. The survey for sensitive plants and invasive species and the site restoration project in the *Pope to Pines* area will not only help us in our efforts to restore native habitat, but also inform our interpretive programs.

We received extensive support from hikers, bikers and equestrians for development of a trail during the public comment period on the proposed (now adopted) management plan for the lake. We included in the plan our intention to build the trail working with both non-profit and agency partners and this proposal will help us meet that goal.

All of the projects in this grant proposal are supportive of the direction we wish to take regarding interpretation, public involvement and improving public access and use of Lake Berryessa. We look forward to working together with BT&C to implement these projects.

Sincerely,

Janet Rogers

Park Manager

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation Ms. Carol Kunze Executive Director 901 Cape Cod Court Napa, California 94558

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November 8, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 13th Floor, 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for grant request by Berryessa Trails and Conservation

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Berryessa Trails and Conservation has requested funding under your Educational, Community-Based "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program and I am writing to let you know I support their request.

The primary users of Lake Berryessa where the project sites are located, are Bay Area residents. As you may be aware, a new management plan has been adopted for the lake that will improve public access and facilities. An educated and skilled volunteer conservation crew developed with the requested funding will be an enormous asset to the lake. BT&C has been working on invasive species at the lake for a number of years. This funding will allow them to take a more comprehensive and focused approach. Best of all it will involve local lake residents in identifying and addressing invasive weeds.

The Lake Berryessa Trail, a segment of which the crew will also work on, is eagerly awaited by local hikers and bikers and will be all the more valuable for the local volunteer effort that helped create it.

I strongly support BT&C's request for funding.

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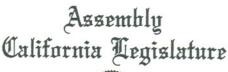
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Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 13th Floor, 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612 By Facsimile: (510)286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to urge your support for the funding request submitted by Berryessa Trails and Conservation under the Coastal Conservancy's Educational, Community-Based "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program.

These funds will play a catalytic role in advancing the construction of the Lake Berryessa Trail, which was designed with the aid of funds provided by the Conservancy. The proposal now before you will help establish a team of volunteers to remove isolated instances of invasive species and replant native species, to construct new trail segments, and to review trails for maintenance needs.

The Lake Berryessa Recreation Area is an important regional resource with 1.4 million visitors a year. The establishment of a volunteer crew to assist in both conservation and trail work will be of great benefit both as an environmental education opportunity for local residents and as a workforce to address the invasive species problem. It is also an opportunity to improve public access and recreational opportunities around the lake.

I hope that you look favorably on this proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

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Assemblymember, 7th District

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cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation



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November 15, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

On behalf of the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) Conservation Partnership, I would like to express support for the Berryessa Trails and Conservation's (BT&C) grant application under the Educational, Community-Based "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Grant Program. BT&C has been a long-time active member of the Partnership and has contributed significantly to landscape-wide conservation by promoting nature-based recreation in the region. The proposed projects are consistent with our mission to encourage and support collaborative efforts among our partners in protecting and restoring important habitat. The Partnership is actively working to set up state-of-the-art guidelines for regional control of invasive species and we anticipate BT&C will be engaged in this process. We also believe that well-placed and improved trails will enable more people in the Bay Area to enjoy this area and recognize its recreation potential.

The BRBNA encompasses over 750,000 acres of wild, coast range lands that extend southward from the Mendocino National Forest to Highway 80 in Solano County. The region includes the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds, both tributaries within the Sacramento River hydrologic basin. The BRBNA Conservation Partnership is a collaborative group of public agencies, landowners, and non-profit organizations working together to conserve the natural and working land resources of the BRBNA.

The Partnership hopes that you will support Berryessa Trails and Conservation in their habitat restoration and trail work. They are playing an important role in the long-term protection of the BRBNA and serving the citizens of California through increased opportunities to enjoy and learn from this important landscape.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Easton, Director

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Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 13th Floor, 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Berryessa Trails and Conservation grant application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Tuleyome was founded in 2002 as a volunteer advocacy-oriented nonprofit organization that is focused on protecting both the wild and agricultural heritages of the Putah-Cache bioregion, including all or parts of Yolo, Lake, Napa, Colusa, and Solano counties in northwestern California.

We support Berryessa Trails and Conservation's application for funding from the Educational, Community-Based "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Grant Program. The projects that this funding will enable are in line with our approach of educating and developing the skills of volunteers for conservation and trail work.

Lake Berryessa is an important recreation destination in the Putah-Cache Creek bioregion. Invasive species have a foothold on the lakeshore and involving local residents in addressing this problem is the best defense against their spread.

Development of the Lake Berryessa trail is also critical to supporting a broader spectrum of recreational opportunities that will appeal to those who seek access to nature and a chance to see wildlife.

We urge you to grant this funding application.

Sincerely,

Bob Schneider

President

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation

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We urge you to grant this funding application.

Sincerely,

Debra Chase Executive Director

cc: Berryessa Trails and Conservation

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November 16, 2007

Mr. Jeff Melby State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Melby,

I would like to express my support for the application by California State Parks for funding from the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program for the San Mateo Coast Volunteer Restoration Program.

Each year over 7500 volunteers contribute to habitat restoration at Half Moon Bay State Beach. Hundreds of school, community, and corporate groups have participated in this project over the last ten years.

The proposed grant funding would allow State Parks to continue the work at Half Moon Bay, and expand this restoration and education program to Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Assemblymember, 19th District

RICHARD GORDON

County of San Mateo

Jeff Melby State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Melby,

I would like to express my support for the San Mateo Coast Volunteer Restoration Program. This California State Parks project has brought thousands of volunteers to coastal San Mateo County over the past ten years.

Volunteers remove non-native weeds, plant native plants, and help clean our beaches. Approximately half of the volunteers are school age children, many of them participating in service learning projects. All of the volunteers learn about ecology through this handson habitat restoration.

This grant will allow California State Parks to continue and expand this successful program. I appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Gordon

District 3 Supervisor, San Mateo County



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May 31, 2006

Elizabeth Goldstein. President 800 College Avenue P.O. Box 548 Kentfield, CA 94914

Dear Ms. Goldstein:

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California State Parks Foundation

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I strongly support the project's goal of increasing public access to the Bay and Bay Trail as well as their goal to restore this habitat in order to invite the return of native plants. Removal of toxic landfill, which is part of the restoration process, will make the area safer for residents and wildlife. In addition, the new interpretative center will help to educate visitors about the Bay habitat and the history of the area.

Many thanks to you and to your organization and the California State Parks for undertaking this project.

Sincerely.

Sheila James Kuehl Senator, 23rd District

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May 26, 2006

Elizabeth Goldstein, President California State Parks Foundation 800 College Avenue P.O. Box 548 Kentfield, CA 94914

(CDear Elizabeth Goldstein,

I am writing in support of the California State Parks Foundation project to restore wetlands at the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco County. This very worthy project will complete a significant habitat restoration on State Park property adjoining the Yosemite Slough in the Hunter's Point area of my district.

I hope you can find the funds to support the project's goals of increasing public access to the Bay and restoring the native bayside habitat in an urban part of the city largely devoid of wildlife. Removing the toxic landfill currently on the site will make the area much safer for neighbors, and much more pleasant for the local Bayview-Hunter's Point community.

Thank you to your organization and California State Parks for undertaking this project, and I would be most appreciative of your support.

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May 26, 2006

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RE: Wetlands Restoration at Candlestick Point

Dear Ms. Goldstein,

On behalf of the Port of San Francisco, please accept this letter as support for the California State Parks Foundation project to restore wetlands at the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area in San Francisco County. This is a very worthy project to complete to clean up hazardous waste and beautify the area. The Port is very supportive of a significant habitat restoration on State Park property adjoining the Yosemite Slough in the Hunter's Point area of the city.

The goals of this project are aligned with many of the Port's goals. The Port supports an increase in public access to the San Francisco Bay and Bay Trail. We are also pleased to see plans to restore this habitat and stimulate the return of native plants. The removal of toxic landfill as part of the restoration process will make the area safer for residents and wildlife.

The Port applauds both the California State Parks Foundation and the California State Parks for your combined efforts.

Sincerely,

Monique Moyer
Executive Director

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is written to express California Oak Foundation's support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) continuing efforts to protect and enhance water quality for its customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Protecting the quality of the public water supply and enhancing local natural open space areas are two very worthy goals. Implementation of the Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Program will help EBMUD meet its commitments to watershed stewardship and excellent in service to residents of the East Bay.

The volunteer component of the project will provide opportunities for local students to work side-by-side with natural resource professionals, learn about the source of their drinking water, and increase their awareness of natural resource protection.

COF believes that this project is just what the voters had in mind when they approved Proposition 84.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

ant Janet S. Cobb, President

cc. Jeff Melby, Project Manager, Coastal Conservancy

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October 15, 2007

California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Friends of Sausal Creek

Dear Coastal Conservancy Board:

I write to support the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) grant application currently under consideration by the California Coastal Conservancy. If awarded a grant, FOSC would use the funding to restore a three acre section of Dimond Park near Sausal Creek with California native plants, better creating a sustainable, educational demonstration garden while improving public access, recreation, and education along Sausal Creek.

Earlier this year, I recognized the Friends of Sausal Creek for their ten years serving our community and protecting our environment. Indeed, FOSC has been a leader in grassroots creek preservation for over a decade. They bring a high level of professionalism to their work – work largely done by hundreds of volunteers. They also provide many educational opportunities around environmental issues for the different cultures and neighborhoods that spend time in the Sausal Creek watershed and beyond.

I encourage you to approve their proposal because it will provide the East Bay's constituents with an accessible, inviting way to learn more about how protecting our environment can include the simple task of planting California native plants.

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California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Board:

I am writing to urge your support for the project submitted by the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) entitled "Creating Regional Appeal and Environmental Educational Opportunities in the Sausal Creek Watershed". FOSC is a volunteer-based community organization whose mission is to restore, preserve, and educate the community about Sausal Creek and its 2,656-acre watershed. This important natural resource is located within my district.

Sausal Creek is uniquely situated in a highly urbanized area. It is a rare natural asset, accessible to approximately 80,000 residents of diverse backgrounds and cultures. In order to make Sausal Creek as accessible as possible, FOSC has proposed the development of an educational center in Dimond Park, which would include construction of permeable pathways and signage in several languages. Residents will have a hands-on opportunity to learn about how promoting the environmental health in our communities is connected to the planting of native California vegetation. FOSC's proposal exemplifies the ideal that civic participation, from residents to decision makers, is critical for building a long-term strategy for protecting Sausal Creek for the enrichment of the greater Oakland community.

I wholly support the work of the Friends of Sausal Creek and respectfully encourage you to do so as well. My office is committed to helping ensure the continued success of FOSC and is ready to assist with any issues involving the State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Annie Flores at my district office at (510) 286-1670. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

SANDRÉ R. SWANSON

Assemblymember, 16th District

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October 15, 2007 California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Friends of Sausal Creek's project "Creating Regional Appeal and Environmental Educational Opportunities in the Sausal Creek Watershed"

To whom it may concern:

In my role as councilmember for Oakland's District 4 (Montclair, Crestmont, Redwood Heights, Laurel, Dimond, Melrose, Maxwell Park and Allendale), I have worked closely with constituents to restore and renovate the many creeks that run through our hills and neighborhoods. I have always considered the Friends of Sausal Creek as the epitome of grass-roots leadership in creek preservation. Not only do they know their science, they know how to rally the troops to do the work. Although their members are volunteers, they bring such a high level of professionalism and expertise that they are well-regarded throughout the area for their work in the Sausal Creek watershed and their willingness to share their knowledge with other emerging creek preservation groups in Oakland.

We understand that the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) seeks a grant from the Coastal Conservancy for restoration work that involves reworking an area of Dimond Park in Oakland to create a sustainable, educational Demonstration Garden for California native plants, right along Sausal Creek. I have long been interested in our city working with community and neighborhood groups to build a coalition or watershed council for Sausal Creek. In fact, I organized the Joaquin Miller Park Working Group, a task force of park users, neighborhood representatives and city staff, who provide advisory input on the maintenance and development of Joaquin Miller Park. One of their areas of concern is the quality of the creeks in Joaquin Miller Park, all of which are tributaries to Sausal Creek.

The FOSC project will not only improve public access, recreation, and education along the creek, it will also involve development of a transitional area from the park's tot lot into the Demonstration Garden and the adjoining riparian area. Local artists will be engaged to contribute an interactive creek related symbol and park users will be altered to the presence of the creek, through interpretive signage. The idea of a regional education center at Dimond Park is smart because it is a heavily used urban park that has a children's playground, a Recreation Center with many after-school programs, and a public swimming pool.

I encourage you to give their proposal serious consideration as it will provide an inviting and educational place for the multiethnic population who use Dimond Park to learn about native

plants, water conservation, and also about Sausal Creek, one of the major assets in my Council District. It is not only a beautiful natural gem, but it effortlessly connects all the diverse elements of Oakland—the different cultures, the different neighborhoods with varying socio-economic profiles, the schools and churches, homes and businesses—that reside alongside its banks.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan

Council President Pro Tem,

Councilmember, District 4

Cc: Friends of Sausal Creek

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612

November 8, 2007

Dear Mr. Bosco:



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I am writing to support the Golden Gate Audubon's Eco-Oakland Program application from the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program. Should the State Coastal Conservancy approve \$90,000 in funds (over three years) from the California Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), the Eco-Oakland Program would continue to serve a large number of people traditionally underserved, provide valuable environmental education experiences, and restore significant natural resources.

Since 1999, Golden Gate Audubon's environmental education programs have served nearly 10,000 students and community members in the Bay Area. The Eco-Oakland Program delivers unique environmental education to students and their families, raising community awareness of local environmental problems and promoting conservation leadership among program participants. The program also addresses the severe shortage of environmental education programs in East Oakland, restores some of the most critical wetlands in the San Francisco Bay Area, and helps foster concern for ecological health in one of the most diverse and underserved areas of the country.

I have represented East Oakland for many years. This program is greatly needed in this part of our community. East Oakland is an ecologically significant area – home to one of the most significant shorebird and waterfowl populations in the Central Bay. But the community also faces ecological threats from trash, invasive plants, and toxic chemicals. These threats could be reversed through restoration projects like those conducted through the Eco-Oakland Program. Additionally, many of East Oakland's public schools have suffered drastic budget cuts in recent years and lack science materials, transportation, environmental education teachers, and relevant curricula. These problems are partially addressed by the Eco-Oakland Program's environmental education curricula.

The Eco-Oakland Program is a unique and valuable resource. The entire program is free for all who participate. Students are offered a wide variety of in-class lessons, as well as field trips to the marsh, creek, Alcatraz Island, and ocean. Children and their families engage in hands-on science activities, such as planting native plants for habitat restoration at the marsh and creek, and engage in trash clean-ups, bird surveys, and seed collecting. In addition, the knowledgeable staff and volunteers of the Eco-Oakland Program provide families with many useful strategies and solutions to reduce pollution in both our community and the San Francisco Bay.

Because of our need for programs like this in East Oakland and the area's invaluable ecological resources, I hope you will give careful consideration to this application. Thank you.

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Cc: Jeff Melby

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Chair of the Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California, 94612

For the past eight years the Golden Gate Audubon Society has been visiting Arrowheadecretary Marsh for marsh related environmental education programs they have developed. Since Ward 7 the 2002-2003 school year, part of this program included doing some work along a portion of the shoreline to help restore it to a more natural condition. After four years of Ward 6 visits, the students have managed to reduce the population of Pepperweed (Lipidium), mustard and fennel in the area, and have established a few shoreline shrubs and grasses. Clean up of shoreline litter is also an ongoing part of this program.

This school year we are looking forward to completing the planting in this 600'x20' plot between the Arrowhead Marsh boardwalk and the bridge to the New Marsh. With the number of field days planned there should be enough on site hours to make a significant difference in the appearance of the shoreline.

One of the benefits of the Audubon program is the inclusion of family days at the park where parents of participating students are exposed to the same educational opportunity as their children. This has had a positive effect in helping new and old community members appreciate the shoreline environment as more than a place to have a pick up game of soccer.

We are looking forward to continuing this collaboration with the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

Sincerely,

Joan Suzio, Park Supervisor

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY OAKLAND, CALIF.

October 5, 2007

Chair of the Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor, Oakland, California 94612

Chair of the Coastal Conservancy,

I am writing to express my support for the Golden Gate Audubon's Eco Oakland watershed stewardship program. Over the past year, the Eco Oakland program has brought hands on watershed education and stewardship opportunities to hundreds of children in the Arroyo Viejo watershed. In a community where science education is often neglected, Eco Oakland's programs were scientifically sound, engaging and culturally sensitive. Whether it was conducting native plant identification scavenger hunts, macro-invertebrate surveys, talking about how we all effect our creeks and bay through urban run-off or helping to revegetate a creek bank the Eco Oakland program always captured the imaginations of the children they worked with while encouraging them to become life long watershed stewards.

Under the guidance of Anthony DeCicco, I watched the worlds of our local kids, who are accustomed to inner city concrete worlds, expand to embrace the frogs, birds and macro-invertebrates of their local creek. Through the inclusion of meaningful stewardship activities in their education programs, Eco Oakland also empowered these same students by letting them see through first hand experience that simple actions can make real changes in the world around them.

I whole- heartedly encourage you to support the ongoing work of the Eco Oakland program and the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

Sincerely, Doria Robinson

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Arroyo Viejo Watershed Awareness Program Coordinator
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Chair of the Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the Eco-Oakland Program and the Golden Gate Audubon Society. This is the fourth year that I have been involved in the program and I can't express enough how wonderful it is.

The community here in East Oakland doesn't have many natural areas were people can go outdoors and enjoy the environment. There are many houses and businesses but very few parks where children can go out safely to explore the natural world. People begin to think that they don't need to take care of the environment because only the city is around them.

However, teachers from the Eco-Oakland program come to the classroom and then take the children and their families out into their own community to show them how much the wildlife really does exist in their environment. They start to really learn how important it is to take care of the land and the water around them! After looking at so many birds and other animals, the people have a better reason to care. I myself have become very enthusiastic about birds now. It has become my new hobby to photograph birds around the Bay!

When people begin to care, they start to take to action to help their environment. I have seen it happen in the Eco-Oakland Program, children and their families helping each other with habitat restoration at the Martin Luther King Shoreline and Lion Creek, picking up trash, pulling invasive plants. Also, the children have become more aware of how pollution in their neighborhood becomes pollution in the bay. They and their families learn that there is a connection. They learn all the ways that can help to keep the bay clean and good habitat for other living things to share.

Many of our families in East Oakland are living in the United States for the first time. A program like this shows them how wonderful is their new home. The Eco-Oakland gives many families opportunities to travel around the bay to places that they probably would never see or afford. This is an important program and I hope that it receives the necessary funding it deserves.

Thank you very much,

Juan Benjumea

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY OAKLAND, CALIF.

Chair of the Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a fourth-grade teacher at Bridges Academy at Melrose in East Oakland. I've had the fortunate opportunity to participate in the Eco-Oakland Program for the past three years, and have done so for several reasons.

Most importantly, the Eco-Oakland Program is a unique and valuable resource in our community. There are no other programs for elementary students that provide environmental education opportunities for children and their families at the same depth of inquiry and discovery. The entire program is free for all who participate and the parents are so grateful for the many opportunities that the Eco-Oakland provides.

The program is exemplary. Students are offered a wide variety of in-class lessons, as well as field trips to the marsh, beach, creek, Alcatraz Island and Aquarium of the Bay. Weekend trips are scheduled purposefully to maximize parental participation, which is great because it's always challenging to get parents involved in school-related activities. Children and parents, side by side, engage in hands-on science activities, planting native plants for habitat restoration at the marsh and creek, trash clean-ups, bird surveys and seed collecting. In addition, the knowledgeable staff and volunteers of the Eco-Oakland provide families with many useful strategies and solutions to reduce pollution in both our community and the San Francisco Bay.

Because elementary teachers (and students) in the Oakland Unified School district are inundated with mandatory scripted learning, the Eco-Oakland Program is an enormous contribution to our school's curriculum. All of the activities address the state science standards in some form as well as those for math and language arts, which is a huge help for teachers. The Eco-Oakland program is a welcome break from our usual routine and the kids get so excited about learning!

I hope to be involved in the Eco-Oakland Program for many years to come. As I mentioned before, the Eco-Oakland is truly unique and is definitely needed in our community.

Sincerely,

Rosa Kurshan-Emmer Fifth-grade teacher, Bridges Academy at Melrose

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Golden Gate Audubon Society's Eco-Oakland Program. I strongly support this program and have personally witnessed it's positive impact on children and families.

As an Eco-Oakland volunteer, I have helped make presentations in the classroom as well as attended Saturday field trips. The student population served by Eco-Oakland, low-income children of color, includes the most needy of children in Oakland. The challenges they face are indeed many and difficult, and the opportunities limited. For many, they would not have the experiences Eco-Oakland offers, if not for the program.

I have seen children make great gains in learning about the environment in their own neighborhoods through the Eco-Oakland Program. I have seen children deepen their connection with nature, which I view not only as an educational opportunity, but as a violence/substance abuse strategy and sometimes a survival mechanism. When children learn about the environment, a new world of opportunity is opened in areas of education, job options and citizen responsibility. When children experience themselves as part of nature, they can rely on it as something greater than themselves to help them navigate through the many life challenges they are given. Young people are empowered.

To my knowledge, Eco-Oakland is the only environmental program in the East Bay that provides the comprehensive family focus that it does. This kind of community building is so important! As the students and family members learn together, they support each other's development. The family field trips and other gatherings strength family bonds and provide family opportunities many would not otherwise have. Often, fathers are able to participate in the Saturday field trips whereas they are not able to join their families at other times due to working. It is a truly moving experience to see the look of joy on faces, young to old, when they see the ocean for the first time or realize there is a shoreline park in their very own backyard or recognize a bird they have been studying. I have seen many looks of joy and amazement!

I urge you to fund the Eco-Oakland Program, so that children and families in East Oakland can continue benefitting from this valuable program. I may be reached at (510)521-2516 if you would like to speak with me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Holder 606 Haight Ave. Alameda, CA 94501

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November 2, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As the representative for California's Third Senate District, I'm pleased to write this letter of support for two projects sponsored by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy which will be under consideration by the California State Coastal Conservancy.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's "Hands-On Restoration at Redwood Creek and Presidio Trails Building" will bring community-based restoration to the Redwood Creek watershed near Muir Woods and bring much needed enhancement and expansion of the walking trails and bikeways in San Francisco's Presidio. Both projects will actively engage park users and youth in environmentally significant restoration projects.

The second proposed project, "Enhancing Visitor Enjoyment, Safety and Access to the Coastal Trail at Lands End," is also worthy of the Coastal Conservancy's support. Lands End is an extraordinary combination of parkland and natural areas that offers unparalleled coastal access, providing both broad vistas and intimate glimpses of city views, dramatic coastal cliffs, and the ever-enticing ocean.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's efforts to engage the community in the preservation and improvement of our natural resources through these important projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions regarding my support for these projects at (415) 557-1300. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carole Migden Senator, 3rd District RECEIVED

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November 6, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to support funding for two projects of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy by the California State Coastal Conservancy.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's project "Enhancing Visitor Enjoyment, Safety and Access to the Coastal Trail at Lands End" will actively engage the community in restoring long-neglected Lands End into a place of substantial public benefit and civic visibility. The second project, the "Hands-On Restoration at Redwood Creek and Presidio Trails Building," will greatly advance the Presidio's ongoing post-to-park conversion. An approval for funding will help match a \$10,000,000 challenge grant from the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. The proposed community-based restoration in the Redwood Creek watershed will surely result in positive ecological benefits for human, fish and wildlife communities.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has a strong record of success in completing major park projects, as exemplified by the dramatic transformation of Crissy Field, and has worked to cultivate diverse and widespread community involvement and major support from private contributions.

I respectfully urge the Coastal Conservancy to support these two important projects. Feel free to contact my office at (415)557-3013 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman, 13th A.D.

Office of the Mayor City & County of San Francisco



Gavin Newsom

October 30, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As Mayor for the great City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to write this letter of support for two projects of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy which are currently being considered by the California State Coastal Conservancy.

At Lands End, the support of the Coastal Conservancy for "Enhancing Visitor Enjoyment, Safety and Access to the Coastal Trail at Lands End" will combine with over \$7,000,000 in other private and public funds already raised by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to make Lands End and the Coastal Trail a world-class park destination.

In the Presidio, the Coastal Conservancy's support for an enhanced and expanded system of trails and bikeways will greatly advance the Presidio's ongoing post-to-park conversion, and will help match the extraordinary \$10,000,000 challenge grant from the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. Finally, although the project is beyond my jurisdiction, I am also pleased to urge your support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's community-based habitat restoration efforts in the Redwood Creek watershed near Muir Woods.

These projects will result in myriad ecological and other public benefits. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has a strong record of success in completing major park projects, as exemplified by the miraculous transformation of Crissy Field, and has worked to cultivate strong and widespread community involvement and major support from private contributions. Therefore, on behalf of San Francisco and all Californians, I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will support these important projects.

If I may be of any additional ssistance, please call my office at (415) 554-6141.

Sincerely

Gavin Som

Mayor City and County of San Francisco

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November 1, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

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On behalf of The Bay Institute's *Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) Project*, we are pleased to write this letter of support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's "Hands On Restoration at Redwood Creek and Presidio Trails Building" project which the California State Coastal Conservancy is reviewing for possible funding.

Betty Young, now Director of Nurseries for the GGNPC, helped to give our project its start in 1993 when she took my class on a tour of her native plant nursery. Using the knowledge we gained from her, we started the Shrimp Project, which is now known as STRAW.

The STRAW Project coordinates and sustains a network of teachers, students, restoration specialists, and other community members as they plan and implement watershed studies and restoration projects in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties. STRAW provides teachers and students with the scientific, educational and technical resources to prepare them for hands-on, outdoor watershed studies, including ecological restoration of riparian corridors. In the last 15 years, we have completed over 200 habitat restorations with children.

Through the years, students in our STRAW Project have been direct participants with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in their restoration project in the Redwood Creek watershed. We additionally urge your support for the Parks Conservancy's Presidio trail building as part of the ongoing effort to make the Presidio a great national park for all.

We very much hope that the Coastal Conservancy will support these wonderful projects. If I may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 506-0172, ex 27.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laurette Rogers

Watershed Education Director

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August 24, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) would like to express its strong support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's (Parks Conservancy) grant application for the restoration work they propose to accomplish on Lower Redwood Creek, one of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's (GGNRA) outstanding natural resources. The restoration project will take place over a 35-acre former agricultural parcel about four miles downstream of Muir Woods National Monument.

As project partners and grant applicants to the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program for Educational, Community-Based, "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building, MCC and the Parks Conservancy have taken great care to ensure that all of our actions build upon our organizations' strengths, and are discrete and in no way duplicative. The revegetation actions proposed by the Parks Conservancy will complement MCC's more technical hands-on restoration and monitoring work, as well as GGNRA's construction actions to reconnect about 3,800 linear feet of the channel with its historic floodplain and enhance rearing habitat for the federally listed coho salmon and steelhead in Redwood Creek.

The Parks Conservancy's hands-on, community-based revegetation actions, together with the actions of the GGNRA and MCC, will contribute substantial benefits for natural function, salmonid habitat enhancements, flood reductions, and songbird habitat at the project site. MCC is pleased to endorse the Parks Conservancy's grant application, as well as to be a part of this collaborative effort to restore the iconic Redwood Creek Watershed. We further hope that the Parks Conservancy's request for support of their trail building activities in the San Francisco Presidio—an important undertaking with numerous resource and public access benefits—will receive the level of support it requires. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilee Eckert Executive Director

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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November 1, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are a group of local youth who have participated in the **Teens-On-Trails** program. Teen-On-Trails is a program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's parkwide *Trails Forever* initiative to establish a world-class trail system and protect park resources in for the benefit of Bay Area communities and visitors. Trails Forever programs including Teens-On-Trails accomplish trail building, trail maintenance and habitat restoration projects in the Golden Gate National Parks.

Accordingly, we are very pleased to write this letter to the California State Coastal Conservancy in support of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's proposal for the "Hands-On Restoration at Redwood Creek and Presidio Trail Building." Your support for the trails and bikeways project in the Presidio would be greatly appreciated by Teens-On-Trails and other youth programs that regularly use and help provide stewardship for the Presidio trails. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's community-based restoration in the Redwood Creek watershed near Muir Woods will also actively engage diverse urban youth in an important habitat restoration project.

I feel that the members of the NPS and Parks Conservancy who I have worked with are the most dedicated, passionate people I have ever seen. They approach their jobs with an infectious sense of enthusiasm and a clear idea of purpose. But they can't do their jobs alone. Volunteer stewardship is a vital component of the Parks Conservancy's long-term vision of bringing people and their parklands together. Everyone stands to benefit from Teens on Trails and other community programs: the park receives loving maintenance, and volunteers gain an important connection to the natural world.

We respectfully urge the Coastal Conservancy to support these important projects. By learning to experience and care for these natural areas first-hand, we are becoming important future stewards of these vital park resources in our community.

If we may be of any additional assistance, please contact Kimberly Kiefer of the Trails Forever program staff at (415) 561-3068. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

David Pon, 17, Eagle Scout, LINC Intern and Teen On Trails participant Nick Tom, 17, Eagle Scout and Teen On Trails participant Alex Chin, 17, Eagle Scout and Teens On Trails participant

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

November 2, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are a group of local youth who have participated in the Urban Trailblazers (UTB) program and other youth programs at the Crissy Field Center, and we are very pleased to write this letter to the California State Coastal Conservancy in support of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's proposal for the "Hands-On Restoration at Redwood Creek and Presidio Trail Building."

Your support for the trails and bikeways project in the Presidio would be especially appreciated by all the youth programs that regularly use and help provide stewardship for the Presidio trails. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's community-based restoration in the Redwood Creek watershed near Muir Woods will also actively engage diverse urban youth in an important habitat restoration project.

We respectfully urge the Coastal Conservancy to support these important projects. By learning to experience and care for these natural areas first-hand, we are becoming important future stewards of these vital park resources.

If we may be of any additional assistance, please contact Christy Rocca at the Crissy Field Center at (415) 561-7750. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,
Kary Kwong-Lee
Christopher Norman
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October 19, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to offer my full support for the Heron's Head Park project and the work of Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ).

As you may know, Heron's Head Park is a 24-acre wetland in Bayview Hunters Point. It is one of the few open spaces left in San Francisco and is a key component to the San Francisco Blue Greenway Project.

Over the past nine years, LEJ has led thousands of volunteers to restore the site from a brownfield to a vibrant habitat, strengthening the linkage between the environment, urban quality-of-life and human health. In the age of industrialization, preserving natural environments in our urban areas is essential for the prosperity and health of any community.

Heron's Head Park has been a widely regarded model for wetland restoration and community stewardship. Moreover, the training and educational experience for the schools, colleges and youth organizations that have participated in their programs has had immeasurable benefits.

I believe this project is worthy of support from the Conservancy and I hope that you will agree with me and support their funding request. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Respectfully,

CAROLE MIGDEN Senator, 3rd District RECEIVED

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October 19, 2007

Douglas Bosco Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Fl. Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write in support for a 3-year grant to the Literacy for Environmental Justice's (LEJ) program at Heron's Head Wetland Park. This innovative model for the urban wetlands project provides an invaluable service through educational outreach to our youth, and the restoration of native plants and animal species and maintenance for migratory birds. The Heron's Head Park program contributes greatly to providing the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood with an open space, and plays a key role in San Francisco's Blue Greenway Project.

I am proud to represent a city that has such a vibrant environmental consciousness. To maintain a sustainable community, it is important to promote a healthy balance between the urban and natural environments that surround us. LEJ's Heron's Head program plays an integral role in improving and educating the public on the clear connections between human health, the environment, and quality of life. I ask that you support LEJ in their efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (415) 557-3013.

Sincerely,

Mark Leno

Assemblyman, 13th District

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Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Fl. Oakland CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Literacy for Environmental Justice's request for funding for the work at Heron's Head Park, in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of southeast San Francisco.

Heron's Head Park is one of the very few open spaces in Bayview Hunters Point, a neighborhood which has taken the brunt of industrial pollution for the entire city of San Francisco. For nine years, LEJ has led thousands of volunteers from the immediate community and throughout the city in turning the site from an abandoned brownfield into vibrant habitat for migratory birds and a beacon for environmental education in southeast San Francisco. The results are visible in the successful restoration of native plant and animal species at the site, as well as in our community's clear appreciation of and connection to the Park.

Schoolchildren from the entire city benefit from LEJ's free environmental education programs. The site offers unique opportunities for "teachable moments" about the interconnectedness of environmental health and urban sustainability—the Park sits literally at the foot of the PG&E power plant, a major polluter which was closed only last spring as the result of years of community advocacy. In this context, the restoration of a vibrant wetland in the backyard of this damaged urban community provides not only vital wildlife habitat, but a comprehensive public good.

In the coming year, we look forward to seeing the construction of the Living Classroom at Heron's Head Park, which will be a green beacon for the entire southern shoreline. LEJ has a proven track record of carrying-through on the work that they initiate. I am sure that they will succeed in these efforts as well. It is with great enthusiasm that I encourage your support of this progressive work. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely.

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager



July 19, 2007

San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Fl. Oakland CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for Literacy for Environmental Justice, Educational/Community-Based Hands- On Habitat Restoration Project at Heron's Head Park, Port of San Francisco

To the Coastal Conservancy:

I am writing to express the Port of San Francisco's enthusiastic support for Literacy for Environmental Justice's (LEJ's) application for funding from the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program. This funding will complement and build upon the existing Port-funded stewardship and education programs, and support ongoing efforts to enhance the wetland habitat at Heron's Head Park (HHP).

The Port of San Francisco has contracted LEJ to conduct restoration, and education and public participation programs at HHP since 1999. The park and its programs have been recognized for their effective community outreach and education by the Clearwater Award presented by the Waterfront Center, and the Friends of the SF Estuary California Coastal Management Plan Implementation Project award for community participation. The success of current programs, the imminent construction of the "Living Classroom", and the very limited opportunities for community-based restoration and environmental education in the southeast portion of San Francisco create a significant and growing demand and opportunity for the kind of work being done at HHP. In 2006, the Port renewed its contract with LEJ for four years, through October 2010. Although the Port remains committed to the long-term stewardship of the habitat and public access facilities at HHP, we are unable to fund these programs at a level that takes full advantage of the many opportunities if offers.

LEJ has the Port's express permission to use HHP for the hands-on restoration and education activities proposed in the enclosed request for funding. The Port is required by permit conditions to permanently maintain Heron's Head Park and its existing improvements, including wetland habitat. We must note that this does not oblige the Port to maintain the specific plantings or improvements proposed to be installed by LEJ, or to renew our contract with LEJ at the termination of the current contract in 2010. However, the Port has established a 10-year track record of nurturing the park successfully and we look forward to maintaining it as wildlife habitat and public open space in perpetuity.

The Coastal Conservancy provided a substantial portion of the funds used to create Heron's Head Park and construct the Living Classroom. We hope that you will extend that support to LEJ's proposed community-based habitat enhancement efforts. Please feel free to contact me at (415)274-0568 if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Carol Bach

Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Manager Planning & Development

Port of San Francisco

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November 2, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco.

I am writing in support of the Marin County Open Space District's request for funding the Bothin Marsh Enhancement and Education program. If funded, the program will support an ongoing effort to restore native habitat through invasive species removal and native plant revegetation. Restoring tidal wetlands is critical for flood prevention and sediment management.

In addition, the funds will be used to educate the community about the importance of tidal wetlands and will provide resources and opportunities to participate in "Hands-On" habitat restoration. This is a vital program that is focused on protecting the remaining 3% of San Francisco's historic tidal wetlands.

The location of the project site, along a popular portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, insures that the message of environmental protection reaches a large number of the community.

As your Senator, I strongly feel that funding projects like the Bothin Marsh program is an important step to preserving Marin's unique cultural heritage and promoting environmental stewardship in the State of California.

Sincerely,

Carole Migden Senator, 3rd District

cc: Jeff Melby

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November 5, 2007

Re: Support for Marin County Parks and Open Space District Application for Coastal Conservancy Grant

Douglas Bosco Chair of the California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco

I am pleased to support the Marin County Open Space District's proposal to fund the Bothin Marsh enhancement and education program. Coastal Conservancy funding will provide both community education and opportunities to participate in "hands-on" habitat restoration informing the community about the importance of tidal wetlands.

The location of the project site, along a popular portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, insures that the message of environmental protection reaches a large number of people of all ages in the community. This location is at the confluence of a coming together of people of all ages. Students at Tamalpais High School and the elders living at The Redwoods, a senior living community, live and work right next to this preserve along Marin County Open Space's most heavily used multi-use path in the county.

This project not only preserves Marin's precious tidal wetlands, home and habitat to many species of plants and animals, but also promotes essential environmental stewardship in the State of California. Thank you for carefully considering the inherent value that this restoration project will have connecting the people of Marin to this beautiful, life-sustaining place.

Sincerely,

Charles McGlashan

Vice-President

Supervisor, Southern Marin

Cc: Jeff Melby

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August 8, 2007

Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

As the Senator for California's 3rd District, I am writing to voice my strong support for the Marin Conservation Corps' grant application to the Coastal Conservancy requesting funding to help complete the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project at the Banducci site. This landmark project is designed to restore one of the Bay Area's most ecologically significant watersheds, while building community stewardship for local salmon populations, and riparian and wetlands habitat through community volunteer opportunities and environmental education.

The project is a joint effort between the Marin Conservation Corps (MCC), Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and hundreds of community volunteers. With your support, MCC's corpsmembers, many of whom are from underserved Marin County communities, will complete the more technical hands-on restoration work that will lay the groundwork for greater community volunteer involvement with the project. In addition, they will help conduct valuable groundwater and salmonid monitoring, as well as help lead community volunteer days at the project site.

The Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project provides a tremendous opportunity to correct more than 40 years of creek alterations and degradation in an iconic Bay Area watershed, which receives more than two million visitors each year. I hope you will support this project and MCC's grant application to support hands-on restoration work and environmental education for underserved youth involved with the Lower Redwood Creek Project. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Senator Carole Migden 3rd Senate District

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August 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

As the State Assemblymember for California's 6th District, I am writing to voice my strong support for the Marin Conservation Corps' grant application to the Coastal Conservancy requesting funding to help complete the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project at the Banducci site. Located in the 6th District, this landmark project provides a tremendous opportunity to involve local communities in the restoration of one of the most ecologically significant watersheds in the San Francisco Bay Area.

During the past 25 years, the Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) has improved the lives of more than 5,000 young people while performing more than three million hours of work on 150,000 acres of public lands. They have extensive experience partnering with resource management agencies on important habitat restoration projects in Marin County's magnificent parklands.

With support from the Coastal Conservancy, MCC's corpsmembers—many of whom come from underserved communities throughout Marin— will have the opportunity to play a key role in the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project. Your support will enable them to complete the project's more technical hands-on non-native species removal, bank stabilization/erosion control tasks, surveying/monitoring, and other post-construction activities, while gaining valuable project-based environmental education and job-skills.

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Again, I strongly support MCC's grant application the Coastal Conservancy requesting funding to complete critical hands-on restoration, environmental education, and ecological monitoring and surveying for the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

JARÆD HUFFMAN

Assemblymember, 6th District

Cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), in conjunction with the Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) and other project partners, is undertaking a landmark project to restore a component of one of the Bay Area's most iconic watersheds, the Redwood Creek Watershed, in southern Marin County. As the project lead, GGNRA strongly supports MCC's grant application to the California Coastal Conservancy to conduct hands-on restoration, environmental education, and ecological monitoring and surveying for the Lower Redwood Creek Floodplain and Salmonid Habitat Restoration at the Banducci Site.

Located in GGNRA just four miles downstream from Muir Woods National Monument and about one-half mile upstream of Muir Beach, the Lower Redwood Creek restoration project will help one of the San Francisco Bay Area's most ecologically significant watersheds recover from prior agricultural uses. In fall 2007, GGNRA will implement construction actions to expand the creek's floodplain connection and enhance habitat for federally listed coho and steelhead by installing log jams designed by one of the country's premier log jam designers, Tim Abbe, of Seattle, WA. The project is linked with both prior floodplain expansion and future planned restoration at Big Lagoon, Muir Beach, to collectively restore natural floodplain processes in the lower mile of the Redwood Creek Watershed. With this significant gain for the creek and its resident salmonids, the project offers a tremendous opportunity to build community stewardship for creeks, local salmon populations, and riparian habitat.

GGNRA looks forward to the possibility of working with MCC on this project in 2008 and 2009. With support from the Coastal Conservancy, MCC's corps members will complete the more labor-intensive hands-on work for cape ivy removal, bank stabilization/erosion control tasks, and other post-construction activities that cannot be conducted by volunteers, but are critical components of a successful project. MCC and GGNRA natural resource staff will provide corps members—many of whom come from underserved communities throughout Marin—with high quality environmental education opportunities directly related to their hands-on restoration work.

Again, GGNRA strongly supports MCC's grant application to the Coastal Conservancy to support hands-on restoration work and environmental education for underserved youth involved with the Lower Redwood Creek Project. If you have any questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Shoulders, GGNRA Natural Resource Specialist and Project Manager, at (415) 331-0771 or Carolyn Shoulders@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Neill

General Superintendent

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August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

As the North Bay Watershed Planner for the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), I am writing in strong support of the Marin Conservation Corps' grant application to the Coastal Conservancy to fund critical hands-on restoration work, ecological monitoring and surveying, and environmental education for the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project Floodplain and Salmonid Habitat Restoration at the Banducci Site.

Located in coastal Marin County, Redwood Creek provides vital rearing habitat for the southernmost genetically significant population of wild coho salmon in the United States—a population that has been on the endangered species list since 1996. Redwood Creek watershed is a high priority watershed for coho salmon recovery in the California Central Coast ESU (*Recovery Strategy for CA Coho Salmon - Report to the California Fish and Game Commission*, February, 2004). Unfortunately, due to past agricultural activities, sections of the creek are disconnected from the floodplain, prone to large-scale erosion, and no longer suitable for salmonid rearing.

The Lower Redwood Creek Restoration Project provides a tremendous opportunity to restore valuable winter refugia and summer rearing habitat for this endangered coho salmon population and other federally listed species such as steelhead trout and the California red-legged frog. Realizing the ecological significance of the project, CDFG donated \$86,500 to fund the project's construction-design drawings, which were completed in February 2007 and peer-reviewed by a NOAA Fisheries geomorphologist this past spring. Additionally, CDFG has funded upland erosion prevention projects in the watershed and most recently granted \$935,000 to the National Park Service for restoration of Big Lagoon at the mouth of Redwood Creek.

As the project enters its Post-Construction Phase in early 2008, we hope you will support the Marin Conservation Corps' hands-on non-native species removal,

bank stabilization/erosion control work, and other post-construction activities needed to accomplish this valuable salmonid habitat restoration project.

Sincerely,

Gail Seymour

Watershed Planner/Associate Biologist

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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Mr. Douglas Bosco Board Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As one of the primary project partners for the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Parks Conservancy) strongly supports the Marin Conservation Corps' (MCC) grant application to the Coastal Conservancy requesting funding to complete the more technical hands-on restoration work, ecological monitoring, and surveying for this landmark project.

Located in GGNRA just four miles downstream from Muir Woods, the Lower Redwood Creek Restoration project provides a tremendous opportunity to restore one of the most ecologically significant watersheds in the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition, the project will play a major role in building community stewardship for local salmon populations, and riparian and wetlands habitat through community volunteer opportunities and environmental education.

The Parks Conservancy looks forward to working with MCC on this important project. With support from the Coastal Conservancy, MCC's corpsmembers will complete the more technical hands-on non-native species removal, bank stabilization/erosion control tasks, and other post-construction activities, which may not be performed by our community volunteers due to required chainsaw use, heavy lifting, and dense brushwork. Their component of the project directly complements our hands-on community-based Redwood Creek revegetation work.

Again, the Parks Conservancy welcomes and supports MCC's involvement with the Lower Redwood Creek Project, which will help pave the way for greater community volunteer involvement and stewardship for this ecologically significant watershed.

Sincerely,

Greg Moore

Executive Director

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November 12, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District grant application for a community project to enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's proposal for funding to implement Local Community Taking Action to Enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve for Wildlife Habitat and Recreational Open Space. The proposal is the result of a collaborative effort of the District, the Napa County Resource Conservation District and the non-profit environmental education organization Acorn Soupe, and brings together public agencies and community organizations in both restoring a valuable natural resources while educating the next generation of potential leaders.

The Napa River Ecological Reserve contains one of the few remaining intact valley oak riparian ecosystems in Napa County. It is an ideal location to implement this project because the site is centrally located and is publicly accessible. The Reserve has suffered from the spread of nonnative invasive species, particularly near the entrance where intensive restoration is proposed. The project will make it a much more desirable place for the community to enjoy nature and learn about native wildlife and their habitats.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS Senator 2nd Dietri

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 By Facsimile: (510) 286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge your support for the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's funding request for \$100,000 to restore native habitat within and improve public access to the 73-acre Napa River Ecological Reserve.

Working in partnership with the Napa County Resource Conservation District and the non-profit environmental education organization Acorn Soupe, the project will help restore a rare native riparian habitat and also provide a great opportunity for community involvement and learning. Intensive habitat mapping, planning, and restoration will occur on a 3.7 acre section of the property most in need of restoration. The restoration work will be conducted and maintained by local elementary school children and their families in coordination with Acorn Soupe. And, the improvement of an existing trail will make it possible for Americans with disabilities to tour the site and provide pedestrian access links with the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Napa River Ecological Reserve protects one of the few remaining intact valley oak riparian ecosystems in Napa County, and is also one of the few places where the public can access the Napa River. When combined with its central location in the Napa Valley, these qualities make the site ideal for community-based habitat restoration to mitigate the impact of non-native invasive species.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact met.

Yours very truly,

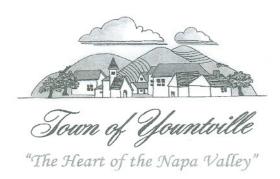
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cc: Jeff Melby, State Coastal Conservancy

John Woodbury, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District



October 16, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Re:

Town of Yountville Supports Project to Enhance Napa River Ecological Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Town of Yountville would like to express our support for the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in its effort to obtain funds to implement *Local Community Taking Action to Enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve for Wildlife Habitat and Recreational Open Space*. The residents of our community care deeply about maintaining the health of our watersheds and the environment, and we see this project as a means of engaging our community further in embracing these values and participating actively in restoration education and activities.

The Napa River Ecological Reserve is frequently utilized by families in and visitors to our community. We support the goals of this project to provide quality opportunities to connect the community with the Napa River and its environs. The Napa River Ecological Reserve is an ideal location to implement this project because the site is centrally located and is publicly accessible. The project will enhance an existing site and make it a much more desirable place for the community to recreate and learn about our local watershed and the habitat it supports.

The Yountville Town Council recently awarded funding to Acorn Soupe, Project Partner, as part of the Council's Non-Profit Funding for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 in support of Acorn Soupe and its educational efforts regarding maintenance of our watersheds and the environment.

The Town of Yountville looks forward to the implementation of this project, which will educate our school children and involve families and community groups in various volunteer activities resulting from this project. We respectfully request favorable consideration of the proposed funding request.

Sincerely,

Steve Rogers Town Manager RECEIVED

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

FONR supports project to enhance Napa River Ecological Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Friends of the Napa River (FONR), a nonprofit community organization dedicated to the restoration, protection and celebration of the Napa River and its watershed, supports the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in its effort to obtain funds to implement "Local Community Taking Action to Enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve for Wildlife Habitat and Recreational Open Space."

FONR is a diverse group, providing the community's voice for a healthy river that has been neglected too long. We are actively involved in addressing different concerns about the Napa River such as boating, fishing, flooding, watershed protection, trails, festivals, and sensible riverfront development.

FONR values this opportunity to enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve near Yountville and provide quality opportunities to connect the community with the Napa River and its environs. The Napa River Ecological Reserve is an ideal location to implement this project because the site is centrally located and is publicly accessible. The project will enhance an existing site and make it a much more desirable place for the community to recreate, to assist in maintaining, and to learn about native wildlife and their habitats. FONR looks forward to promoting the various volunteer opportunities that will exist as a result of this project and we request a favorable review of the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Bernhard Krevet

President

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cc:

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October 3, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my most enthusiastic support for the San Mateo County Department of Parks' grant funding application to be used for the San Bruno Mountain Volunteer Trail Project.

The Project will significantly create a direct partnership between community volunteers, nonprofit organizations, the Jefferson Union High School District, and San Mateo County to restore the Dairy Ravine and Eucalyptus Loop hiking trail at San Bruno Mountain State and County Park. This project will engage active residents from the surrounding communities in stewardship and habitat restoration activities. Furthermore, with the creation of the Volunteer Trails Leadership Program it could be replicated throughout various County Parks as volunteers will be trained to design, plan and implement trails projects in conjunction with the park rangers.

Once again, I fully support the San Mateo County Department of Park' application for a grant to fund the San Bruno Mountain Volunteer Trail Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the merit of this project. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin

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San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex 9500 Thornton Avenue Newark, California 94560



July 20, 2007

Sam Schuchat California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

As Manager for the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects. Save The Bay has been a strong partner for the Service, and works with us to involve community volunteers in habitat restoration projects at Middle Bair Island within the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Redwood City.

The Bair Island Restoration Plan is moving forward from design to implementation. In an urban area with thousands of acres of land that needs to be restored and maintained, our greatest resource is people. Save The Bay's projects partner multiple local, regional, and federal resource agencies at key sites to involve community volunteers in needed restoration and monitoring tasks that would otherwise go undone. It is public-private partnerships like this project with Save The Bay that allows the US Fish and Wildlife Service to leverage state and federal funds to restore more estuarine habitat for multiple species in the San Francisco Bay ecosystem. The effectiveness of Save The Bay's current restoration work at three of our Refuges confirms that the organization is a solid partner that runs well-planned projects, based on sound technical principles, benefiting multiple species in a diversity of habitats. They have engaged more than 1,000 student and community volunteers at Middle Bair Island and we are seeing substantial improvements to existing levee habitat, including the control of invasive species and increased native revegetation that is providing habitat for fish, shorebirds, and wildlife.

Approval of Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects will result in the restoration of critical tidal wetland habitat, and we highly recommend it for funding. Please feel free to contact me at 510.792.0222 should you have questions regarding the US Fish and Wildlife Service partnership with Save The Bay.

Sincerely.

Clyde Morris, Manager Don Edwards SF Bay NWR

Memorandum

To : Sam Schuchat

State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA, 94612 Date: July 20, 2007

From :

Charles Armor, Acting Regional Manager

Department of Fish and Game, Bay Delta Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599

Subject :

Partnership with Save San Francisco Bay Association, Restoration of 600 Acres of

Tidal Marsh Habitat at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve

The California Department of Fish and Game (Department) is pleased to be partnering with Save San Francisco Bay Association (Save the Bay) in the restoration of more than 600 acres of tidal marsh habitat at the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve (ELER), a complex of approximately 6.000 acres of solar evaporation ponds formerly used for salt production in Hayward, California. Funding from the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) would assist Save the Bay in its vital work to engender stewardship, improve water quality and help enhance and restore estuarine habitat around San Francisco Bay benefiting recovery of the State's trust resources.

SCC funding would support Save the Bay's community-based restoration efforts to help support restoration and enhancement of tidal marsh habitats at ELER. Save The Bay is helping the Department prepare portions of a 600-acre area at ELER by removing non-native plants and planting native vegetation to enhance habitat values. The ELER project is an opportunity to restore a substantial amount of tidal marsh habitat for endangered species such as the California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse and expand estuarine fish habitat. In addition, this project will increase biodiversity in the marsh transition zone, enhancing food and nesting resources for multiple wetland associated species of fish and wildlife.

The Department manages thousands of acres of land in San Francisco Bay, with a relatively small staff. Public-private partnerships such as this project with Save the Bay allow the Department to leverage State and Federal funds to restore more estuarine habitat for multiple species in the San Francisco Bay ecosystem.

Save the Bay's restoration work is truly community-based. They have demonstrated great success in building regional partnerships and have promoted stewardship among 40.000 volunteers involved in restoration of the Bay at their project sites. Since 2005 at the ELER site, Save the Bay has engaged hundreds of students and community volunteers, which has a value of tens of thousands of dollars in in-kind labor. By working with schools, community groups, businesses and local, State and Federal land-owning agencies, Save the Bay is deepening regional investment and leveraging SCC's funding to improve NOAA trust resources and habitats.

Sam Schuchat

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July 20, 2007

We look forward to a successful project with Save the Bay. Please contact Mr. John Krause, Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (415) 454-8050; or Ms. Laurie Briden, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (209) 948-7347, should you have questions regarding the Department's partnership with Save the Bay.

cc: Marilyn Latta, Save the Bay





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Sam Schucat California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

East Bay Regional Park District is pleased to be partnering with Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects, and this letter serves to confirm that partnership. Save The Bay's Community-Based Restoration program address key science and conservation concepts in a field environment that fulfill many of the teaching requirements at the middle and high school level.

East Bay Regional Park District has worked with Save The Bay since 2000 to involve local schools, community groups, businesses, and agencies in wetland restoration along the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline. Since the establishment of our partnership, Save The Bay has engaged more than 18,000 student and community volunteers in habitat restoration of the 72 acre MLK marsh, sloughs and shoreline. Save The Bay has worked with us to establish an on-site Native Plant Nursery, and the focus of the volunteer stewardship projects is native plant species propagation to restore creek and wetland habitat. To date, these volunteers have removed more than 120,000 pounds of non-native plants, removed more than 30,000 pounds of trash, and collected seed, propagated, and planted more than 40,000 natives at the sites. Staff from East Bay Regional Park District work with Save The Bay on restoration project planning, plant propagation, and management of the project. East Bay Regional Park District gives considerable in-kind support to the project through staff time for planning, use of trucks and equipment, and participation in field days.

In the coming years, we look forward to continuing our project with Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects. Please feel free to contact me at (510) 562-1373 should you have questions regarding the East Bay Regional Park District partnership with Save The Bay.

Sincerely,

Joan Suzio

East Bay Regional Park District

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Sam Schucat California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The Marin County Parks and Open Space District is pleased to be partnering with Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Restoration Program at Santa Venetia Marsh, and this letter serves to confirm that partnership. Save The Bay's Community-Based Restoration program address key science and conservation concepts in a field environment that fulfill many of the teaching requirements at the middle and high school level.

The Marin Courtry Parks and Open Space District has worked with Save The Bay since 2006 to involve local schools, community groups and businesses in wetland restoration at Santa Venetia Marsh in San Rafael. Since the establishment of our partnership, Save The Bay has engaged more than 600 student and community volunteers in habitat restoration activities including invasive plant removal, native plantings, and site monitoring. To date, these volunteers have removed more than 5,000 pounds of non-native plants, and helped plant more than 1,000 natives at the site. Staff from Marin County Parks and Open Space District work with Save The Bay on restoration project planning, plant propagation, and management of the project. Marin County Parks and Open Space District staff gives considerable in-kind support to the project through staff time for planning, use of trucks and equipment, and participation in field days.

In the coming years, we look forward to continuing our project with Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Restoration Projects. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 507-2056 should you have questions regarding our partnership with Save The Bay.

Sincerely,

Mischon Martin

Natural Resources Program Manager

Sam Schuchat California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

July 20, 2007

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Recreation, Open Space &

The City of Palo Alto Baylands Preserve is pleased to be partnering with Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects, and this letter serves to confirm that partnership. Since 2001, the City of Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve Sciences Division has been working with Save The Bay to involve local schools, community groups, businesses, and agencies in wetland restoration along the mouth of San Francisquito Iunior Museum Creek.

> The focus of the project is native plant species propagation to restore creek and wetland habitat along the Baylands. Since the inception of our partnership, Save The Bay has engaged more than 12,000 student and community volunteers in wetland restoration at the Baylands Nature Preserve, and has worked with us to establish a successful on-site Native Plant Nursery. The volunteers have removed more than 100,000 pounds of invasive weeds, and have collected seed, propagated, and planted more than 35,000 native plants to improve wetland transition zone habitat. Staff from the Palo Alto Baylands Preserve work with Save The Bay on restoration project planning, plant propagation, and management of the project. The City of Palo Alto gives considerable in-kind support to the project through staff time for planning, native plant purchase, use of trucks and equipment, and participation in field days.

> In the coming years, we look forward to continuing our project with Save The Bay. Approval of Save The Bay's San Francisco Bay Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects will result in the restoration of critical tidal wetland habitat, and we highly recommend it for funding. Please feel free to contact me at 650-617-3156 should you have questions regarding the City of Palo Alto partnership with Save The Bay.

Sincerely,

Daren Anderson, Senior Ranger

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August 27, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco.

I am writing in support of the Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program.

The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together a variety of organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and the leveraging of expertise and resources.

The main objectives of this program will be to protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. These projects will actively involve at-risk Solano County students and the community providing opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at these three sites will improve the habitat for two federally listed species. California Red-Legged frogs and Callippe Silverspot butterflies; while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh.

The trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional communities. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail, which opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment are scheduled for construction in 2008.

This proposal leverages investments of time, funding and experience by the Solano Resource Conservation District, extending the value of previous investments in watershed planning, habitat restoration and enhancement and science-standard-compliant watershed-based education for community members of all ages. This program will also build on previous Coastal Conservancy investments, including participation in the purchase of Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch and the construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Lynch Canyon.

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The Solano Resource Conservation District has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. I look forward to working with the project partners as they implement their conservation and educational mission and urge the California Coastal Conservancy to grant the funding of this proposal to ensure its continued success.

Sincerely,

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August 22, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I support Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources. The first objectives of this program will protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The project will actively involve atrisk Solano County students and the larger community providing opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at three sites will improve habitat for two federally listed species (CA Red-Legged frogs and Callippe Silverspot butterflies) while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh. Trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional community. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment is scheduled for construction in 2008.

This proposal leverages investments of time, funding and experience by the Solano Resource Conservation District, Solano Land Trust, Vallejo Watershed Alliance, Center for Land-Based Learning, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District, Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative, the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District and Vallejo City Unified School Districts and the Solano County Water Agency (a major supporter of the Waterways Program), extending the value of previous investments in watershed planning, habitat restoration and enhancement and science-standard-compliant watershed-based education for community members of multiple ages. The program also builds on previous Coastal Conservancy investments, including participation in the purchase of Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch and construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Lynch Canyon, planning support of public access on the Vallejo Swett ranch.

Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. I look forward to working with the project partners as they implement their conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Assemblywoman, 8th District

Cc: Jeff Melby

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August 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I strongly support Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Handson Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources. This is an exciting opportunity for the people of Solano County as well as for Californians given the importance of the Suisun Marsh.

The project extends the value of previous work in watershed planning, habitat restoration and enhancement and science standard-compliant watershed-based education for community members of multiple ages. The program also builds on previous Coastal Conservancy investments, including participation in the purchase of Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch; construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Lynch Canyon and planning support of public access on the Vallejo Swett ranch.

Implementation of this project will further Solano County's goals to protect and enhance the Marsh and its watersheds.

Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Barbara R. Kondylis 'Solano County Supervisor

District One

cc: Jeff Melby

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Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Douglas Bosco, Chair

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As the District 4 representative to the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I support Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources. The first objectives of this program will protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The project will actively involve at-risk Solano County students and the larger community providing opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at three sites will improve habitat for two federally listed species (CA Red-Legged frogs and Callippe Silverspot butterflies) while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh. Trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional community. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment is scheduled for construction in 2008.

This proposal leverages investments of time, funding and experience by many partners, including:

- Solano Resource Conservation District
- Solano Land Trust
- Vallejo Watershed Alliance
- Center for Land-Based Learning
- Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
- Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District
- Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
- Vallejo City Unified School Districts
- Solano County Water Agency (a major supporter of the Waterways Program)

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Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

Sincerely,

John M. Vasquez Board of Supervisors

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August 20, 2007

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Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental

Education Program

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (District) supports Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The *Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program* will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County. The project will provide opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at three sites will improve habitat for federally listed species while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh.

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Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission. The District urges the Coastal Conservancy support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Cullen, P.E.

Senior Environmental Engineer Urban Runoff Program Manager

cc: Jeff Melby

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Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative

Coming together to inspire appreciation and respect for the diverse resources of the Putah Creek Corridor through coordinated public outreach and learning opportunities.

August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing on behalf of the Putah Creek Discovery Corridor (PCDC) Cooperative, a consensus-based, member-led partnership of outreach stakeholders committed to providing high quality, coordinated public outreach and education to promote stewardship of the lower Putah Creek watershed. Our members include: the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Solano Irrigation District, Solano County Water Agency, Solano County Parks, Solano Resource Conservation District, Yolo County Parks, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, City of Winters, Center for Land-based Learning, Putah Creek Council, California Department of Fish and Game, Blue Ridge-Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, University of California Davis, and private rural landowners.

The PCDC Cooperative supports the Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources.

If funded, the PCDC Cooperative plans to contribute staff time (equivalent to \$1,300) for the 2008-2009 year from the PCDC *WaterWays* education program, which provides school children of Solano County with education about where their water comes from and how to conserve natural, physical, and cultural resources of the Putah Creek watershed. This contribution will be in the form of meeting participation, watershed education curriculum consultation, and general advice, particularly for an expanded Watershed Explorers program which brings environmental education to southern Solano County youth. The proposed project is very worthy and we would provide longer term contributions, but do not have guaranteed funding after 2009. Environmental educational activities, delineated in the proposal, will complement the proposed restoration activities so that school children will understand the relationship between what they learn and what they do. This is fundamental to building long-term stewardship, an objective of the proposed project. We look forward to working with project partners as we implement the conservation and educational mission. We urge Coastal Conservancy to fund this proposal.

Sincerely,

Joyce Gutstein

PCDC Steering Committee Member

Director, Public Service Research Program/JMIE

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cc: Margaret Kralovec, PCDC Coordinator



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August 16, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District supports Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County.

The project will actively involve at-risk Vallejo students and provide opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh. Trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional community. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment is scheduled for construction in 2008.

This proposal leverages investments of time, funding and experience by many partners, including the Solano Resource Conservation District, Solano Land Trust, Vallejo Watershed Alliance, Center for Land-Based Learning, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District, Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Vallejo City Unified School District, and the Solano County Water Agency.

Implementation of this project will further VSFCD's reach by expanding our education programs to include high school students, a long-held goal.

We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

VALLEJO SANITATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Daniel T. Tafolla

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cc: Jeff Melby

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Director MARY KIMBALL Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 August 17, 2007

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Center for Land-Based Learning is in full support of Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources. The first objectives of this program will protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The project will actively involve at-risk Solano County students and the larger community providing opportunities for hands-on restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at three sites will improve habitat for two federally listed species (CA Red-Legged frogs and Callippe Silverspot butterflies) while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh. Trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional community. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment is scheduled for construction in 2008.

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- Solano Land Trust
- Vallejo Watershed Alliance
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- Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District
- Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Cooperative
- · Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
- Vallejo City Unified School Districts
- Solano County Water Agency (a major supporter of the Waterways Program)

The project extends the value of previous work in watershed planning, habitat restoration and enhancement and science standard-compliant watershed-based education for community members of multiple ages. The program also builds on previous Coastal Conservancy investments, including participation in the purchase of Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch; construction of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Lynch Canyon and planning support of public access on the Vallejo Swett ranch.

Implementation of this project will further Center for Land-Based Learning's goals by adding three new SLEWS Program sites - expanding our restoration and education work with teachers, students, volunteers, mentors, and stakeholders in Solano County. The additional value of engaging students in trail enhancement projects in their own communities is very exciting, and will add to our repertoire of work in California.

Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

Mary Kimball, Director

cc: Jeff Melby

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Vallejo Watershed Alliance

August 21, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco.

Vallejo Watershed Alliance supports Solano Resource Conservation District's July 2007 proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Hands-on Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program. The Solano County Community-based Habitat Restoration & Environmental Education Program will bring together eight organizations to work in partnership to provide increased environmental stewardship and education in Solano County through streamlining, cooperation and leveraging of experience, expertise and resources. The first objectives of this program will protect and enhance the Suisun Marsh Watershed, the Bay Delta Estuary and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The project will actively involve at-risk Solano County students and the larger community providing opportunities for handson restoration, open-space recreation and environmental education to people of all ages throughout Solano County. Restoration activities at three sites will improve habitat for two federally listed species (CA Red-Legged frogs and Callippe Silverspot butterflies) while enhancing vital wildlife corridors that extend from the inner-coast range to the Suisun Marsh. Trail enhancement work at Lynch Canyon and Vallejo Swett Ranch will improve the accessibility and enjoyment of these sections of the Bay Area Ridge Trail for both the County and Regional community. The Lynch Canyon section of the Trail opened to the public in late spring of 2007, and the Vallejo Swett Trail segment is scheduled for construction in 2008.

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Implementation of this project will further Vallejo Watershed Alliance goals by supporting our intention to work in schools to get Vallejo students involved in hands-on habitat enhancement, monitoring and restoration.

Solano RCD has a proven record of successful partnership and cooperative project implementation with land owners, public agencies, and other stakeholders. We look forward to working with the project partners as we implement our conservation and educational mission and urge Coastal Conservancy funding of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jehnifer Kaiser Alliance Coordinator

cc: Jeff Melby

The Vallejo Watershed Alliance is a partnership of public agencies and interested individuals working together to improve the greater Vallejo watershed.

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November 14, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94512

RE: Letter of support- "Community Hands-On Nathanson Creek" project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to strongly support the Sonoma Ecology Center's project titled *Community Hands-On Nathanson Creek*. I am delighted to see that the Coastal Conservancy is considering funding this innovative community-based restoration initiative.

This Hands-On project will provide crucial funds to support the conversion of this urban creek into a River Parkway amenity by engaging students from adjacent elementary, middle and high school campuses and their families, and the community at large comprised of local neighborhoods and businesses. Project funding will be used to deliver middle school hands-on restoration opportunities, to sponsor high school summer restoration interns ("Enviro-leaders"), and to recruit and supervise a team of residential and business volunteers to assist with project installation and on-going stewardship needs.

This project is a terrific opportunity to forge a meaningful connection between the local community and the large-scale, high-visibility restoration project planned for downtown Sonoma on the Nathanson Creek Preserve River Parkway and Trailway Corridor. By supporting a series of "Hands On" restoration workdays, the Sonoma Ecology Center will offer invaluable opportunities for the community to take an active role in the restoration of over 2.4 acres of Nathanson Creek's riparian vegetation communities.

I feel strongly that this "Hands-On" project will greatly leverage overall restoration success by catalyzing a long-term commitment on the part of local citizens to project stewardship with potential ecological benefits for generations to come. For all the reasons stated, I strongly encourage the Coastal Conservancy to fund this worthy initiative that will only further our community's efforts in keeping community members of all ages engaged in conserving our environment. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy

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November 19, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94512

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Please accept this letter of support for the Sonoma Ecology Center's project titled *Community Hands-On Nathanson Creek*. I am delighted that the Coastal Conservancy is considering funding this innovative community-based restoration initiative.

This project is a terrific opportunity to forge a meaningful connection between the local community and the large-scale, high-visibility restoration project planned for downtown Sonoma on the Nathanson Creek Preserve River Parkway and Trailway Corridor. By supporting a series of "Hands On" restoration work-days, the Sonoma Ecology Center will offer opportunities for the community to take an active role in the restoration of over 2.4 acres of Nathanson Creek's riparian vegetation communities.

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I feel strongly that this "Hands-On" project will foster a long-term commitment on the part of local citizens to project stewardship. I encourage you to support funding of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jared Fluffman

California State Assemblyman

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy

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Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Boadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94512

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Sonoma Ecology Center's project titled Community Hands-On Nathanson Creek. I am delighted the Coastal Conservancy is considering funding this innovative community—based restoration initiative.

This project is an excellent opportunity to forge meaningful connections between the local community and the large-scale, highly-visible restoration project planned for downtown Sonoma on the Nathanson Creek Preserve River Parkway and Trailway Corridor. By supporting a series of "Hands On" restoration work-days, the Sonoma Ecology Center will offer invaluable opportunities for the community to take an active role in the restoration of over 2.4 acres of Nathanson Creek's riparian vegetation.

The "Hands-On" project will provide crucial funds to support the conversion of this urban creek into a River Parkway amenity. Project funding will be used to deliver middle school students actual physical hands-on restoration opportunities, to sponsor high school summer restoration interns ("Enviro-leaders"), and to recruit and supervise a team of residential and business volunteers to assist with project installation and on-going stewardship needs.

I believe the "Hands-On" project will greatly leverage overall restoration success by building a long-term commitment on the part of local citizens to project stewardship. It promises potential ecological benefits for generations to come.

I encourage you to support funding of this important community initiative. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Brown

Supervisor, First District

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August 1, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I'm writing to support the project submitted by The Bay Institute for the "North Bay Priority Riparian and Estuarine Restoration" from The Bay Institute's STRAW Project.

This project will advance efforts to restore habitat for federally listed species while educating the next generation of environmental stewards through the involvement of The Bay Institute's award-winning Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project. It will carry out the revegetation work in partnership with the Refuge.

The San Francisco Estuary is one of the most invaded ecosystems in North America. The removal of invasive plants followed by revegetation with native plants will significantly improve habitat for wildlife. Restoration of the project sites identified in this proposal will greatly add to the aesthetic and recreational values for the population of the North Bay as well as the people of California.

I strongly urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fully fund the North Bay Priority Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

Carole Midgen Senator, 3rd District AUG 0 1 2007

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July 31, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for The Bay Institute's North Bay Restoration Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for The Bay Institute in their proposal entitled, "North Bay Priority Riparian and Estuarine Restoration."

The proposed project will advance efforts to restore habitat for federally listed species while educating the next generation of environmental stewards through the involvement of The Bay Institute's award-winning Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project. The project will carry out the revegetation work in partnership with local schools.

The San Francisco Estuary is one of the most invaded ecosystems in North America. The removal of invasive plants followed by revegetation with native plants throughout the watershed will significantly improve habitat for wildlife. Restoration of the project sites identified in this proposal will greatly add to the aesthetic and recreational values for people living in the North Bay as well as the people of California.

I strongly urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fully fund the North Bay Priority Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project.

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cc: Jeff Melby, Program Manager

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August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the project submitted by The Bay Institute for the "North Bay Priority Riparian and Estuarine Restoration."

This project demonstrates a strong partnership between The Bay Institute's award-winning Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project and several partners throughout Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties. The STRAW Project's work will remove invasive plants and revegetate project sites with native plants thereby improving habitat for fish and wildlife. The type of restoration efforts described in this project will advance efforts to restore habitat for federally listed species while educating the next generation of environmental stewards. The project will carry out the restoration actions in partnership with local schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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July 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of The Bay Institute's (TBI) Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project to the Coastal Conservancy's Educational, Community-Based, "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building program.

STRAW is engaged with the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and the Sonoma Land Trust in a tidal restoration project to advance the recovery of the Sonoma Baylands' endangered species through restoration of habitat. State Coastal Conservancy funding will support an invasive stinkweed (*Dittrichia graveolens*) removal and revegetation effort. These efforts will complement STRAW's ongoing work with the Refuge on a *Lepidium latifolium* control project. Without control of the invasive, revegetation already underway could be significantly compromised by out competition of the invasive.

The Refuge is pleased to work with the Bay Institute's STRAW program to restore native tidal marsh plant communities. They provide a huge resource for restoration efforts while also educating our community. Our partnership in 2006 was a huge success and we hope to repeat that success in the future.

Sincerely,

Christy Smith, Refuge Manager



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July 3, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Sonoma County Regional Parks supports The Bay Institute's "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project" proposal. This project will make a significant difference in the value and function of riparian habitat for Tolay Lake Regional Park.

The Park has scenic, historic, environmental, and cultural resources that make the restoration of this property a rare and important opportunity. Acquired in 2005 with the assistance of the Conservancy, Tolay has been called the crown jewel of the Sonoma Baylands. The Park overlooks the Petaluma River and Marsh to the west, Sonoma Creek to the east, and across San Pablo Bay to the south. The interior features of the property are equally impressive, encompassing two prominent ridgelines and a wide valley containing the seasonal Tolay Lake, which extended over 400 acres before its draining in the mid 1800's. Because of the unique diversity in habitat, wildlife in the Tolay Valley is abundant and the park harbors several species of special status.

The STRAW Project has conducted restoration activities at the site for over four years, first as the Cardoza Ranch and after the transition to Tolay Regional Park. Regional Parks will continue to grant site access to The Bay Institute for this project.

Regional Parks will contribute in-kind services to this project in the amount of \$3,500. This represents services provided by Parks staff to coordinate with the STRAW Project, conduct preparation activities, identify planting areas, and assist on restoration days. The proposed project will complement several efforts currently underway for Tolay habitat restoration.

I strongly urge the California Coastal Conservancy to fund The Bay Institute's STRAW Project. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Burns

Director

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cc: Grant Davis, The Bay Institute

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July 19, 2007

Dogulas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of the "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project" from The Bay Institute.

This letter grants permission from the City of American Canyon to the Bay Institute's STRAW Project to the project site for their continued work with students at the American Canvon Middle School. The project site is that portion of the Rio del Mar channel between the pedestrian bridge in Community Park 1 to a point approximately 100' upstream. Students will restore this area with native plants. This area is significant because it is at the intersection of a city park, an elementary school, and the middle school. Teachers at the middle school are working with their students to develop them into stewards of the creek. The project site is easily accessible to the public, which enables students to share with their family and friends the important restoration work they have undertaken.

I urge you to fund this proposed project. Restoration activities at the Rio del Mar channel site will bring about lasting effects for the environment as well as for our community's children through hands-on environmental science education. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Richard Ramirez City Manager

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July 9, 2007

Dogulas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of the "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project from The Bay Institute.

The Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD) has worked with TBI's STRAW Project on riparian restorations in the Stemple and Walker Creek watersheds on priority sites since 1992. Restorations are carried out with school children. The project advances management agency and stakeholder goals for these impaired watersheds. Project outcomes are measured through photomonitoring, calculations of soil retained, calculations of area restored, bird surveys, and through input from teachers and evaluation of student outcomes.

I strongly urge you to fund the STRAW Project for the professional restoration work they carry out with school children. They show young people through project-oriented work how to become stewards of the land and why it is so important.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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July 9, 2007

Dogulas Bosco Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of The Bay Institute's (TBI) Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) to the State Coastal Conservancy's Educational, Community-Based, "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building program.

The Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) is a long-standing to partner with The Bay Institute's STRAW Project. The efforts of this partnership facilitated by the STRAW Project will provide significant value and function of riparian and estuarine habitats throughout Sonoma and Marin counties.

Two corpsmembers from the Youth in Environmental Service (YES) Program will participate in field days including preparation and restoration activities with school children. The YES program builds upon MCC's long history of AmeriCorps programs focused on environmental education in K–12 schools and outdoor experiential learning activities. The goal of the YES program is to engage youth in environmental education and community service projects that increase their knowledge of the natural world, and to teach youth that they have the power to make change in their own communities. The YES program and The Bay Institute's STRAW Project are a natural fit.

I highly recommend full funding for the STRAW Project's proposal. The partnership represented in this proposal will add significant value to the habitats of the Northern San Francisco Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Marilee Eckert

Executive Director

With the support













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July 13, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS RESTORING A WATERSHED: RIPARIAN AND ESTUARINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of the "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project from The Bay Institute.

The Sonoma County Water Agency works on flood protection and drainage facilities, the maintenance of natural waterways, the preparation of master drainage plans for areas subject to flooding, and erosion and sediment control activities. We have worked with the STRAW Project on restoration activities since 2003.

The Sonoma County Water Agency gives TBI's STRAW Project permission to work on the Roseland Creek. Roseland Creek is a tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the largest sub-watershed of the Russian River. This is a multi-phase project along the reach between Stony Point Road and Corporate Center Parkway in Santa Rosa. The first year's project site will be downstream of the proposed Restoration Reach in the City Council-adopted Citywide Creek Master Plan. This project will continue the improvement in riparian habitat and water temperature control, proposed in the Master Plan, as well as meet or exceed the habitat goals for Roseland Creek of the Sonoma County Water Agency. This project will also minimize future impacts to the creek due to flood control maintenance, as a healthy, functioning riparian forest allows for much less Invasive and frequent channel treatments. The site currently has sparse over-story vegetation, and a non-functioning under-story, consisting of primarily the non-native Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus discolor*).

This first section will include removal of sporadic populations of the non-native Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus discolor*) along approximately 200 linear feet of creek bank. Approximately 80 native trees and shrubs will be installed that have been selected from studies of reference reaches within Roseland Creek and the Laguna de

Douglas Bosco California Coastal Conservancy July 13, 2007 Page 2

Santa Rosa watershed. At the section just downstream of the Stony Point Road Bridge, native grasses, sedges and rushes will be installed to minimize any potential complications with vegetation maintenance at the bridge exit. The site will be maintained for three years, including weeding, irrigation and browse control to ensure project success. In addition, plant survival will be assessed annually, to guide future projects along the creek.

I urge you to fund this proposed project. Restoration activities in the Roseland Creek site will work with underserved students at Roseland Elementary School. This project will bring about lasting effects for the environment as well as for our community's children through hands-on environmental science education. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Thompson
Deputy Chief Engineer

c Sheryl Barbic, The Bay Institute



July 9, 2007

Dogulas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 966 Sonoma Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Tel: 707 526 6930 Fax: 707 526 3001

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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am delighted to offer Sonoma Land Trust's (SLT) support of The Bay Institute's proposal titled "Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project." Over the past 15 years, SLT and our project partners, including The Bay Institute and the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), have invested over \$30 million in preservation and restoration of the Sonoma Baylands region. The Bay Institute's work in the Baylands is a critical element of this collaborative and we're committed to seeing it continue.

SLT's mission is to protect the varied scenic, natural, agricultural and open landscapes of Sonoma County. To date, SLT has protected over 17,000 acres, including approximately 4,000 contiguous acres in the Sonoma Baylands region. The Sonoma Baylands is a significant regional resource that remains in need of protection and enhancement for the health of the ecosystem of the entire San Francisco Estuary.

In 2003, SLT seized the opportunity to purchase the 1,679-acre North Point Joint Venture (NPJV) Bayland property for permanent protection. At that time, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria proposed the NPJV property as the site for the development of a major casino resort. The Bay Institute, working with SLT, persuaded the Tribe to donate their option on the property to SLT. SLT then spearheaded a landmark capital campaign and raised \$20 million to purchase the NPJV site and the adjacent 650-acre Dickson Ranch. This site now serves as the location of the Refuge headquarters and native plant nursery and is SLT's largest restoration planning area in Sonoma County.

State Coastal Conservancy funds are requested for an invasive stinkwort removal project. Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*) is a Mediterranean plant and recent invader of the San Francisco Bay area. Stinkwort is spreading very rapidly in the agricultural and restored wetland areas around the Sonoma Baylands and San Pablo Bay. Stinkwork removal is imperative to protect the revegetation efforts that are taking place at this project site. SLT, the Refuge, and the STRAW Project are partnering to conduct extensive control efforts to try to stop this plan from invading the protected lands along Hwy 37, between the Petaluma River and Tolay Creek.

The Stinkwort Removal and Revegetation Project will complement The Bay Institute's proposal with the Wildlife Conservation Board for a tidal marsh restoration with the Refuge an SLT property to benefit the recovery of the Baylands' many threatened and endangered species. SLT

is committed to supporting The Bay Institute's STRAW project and their work on the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge *Lepidium latifolium* Control and *Dittrichia graveolens* Removal and Revegetation Projects.

We understand the project will occur on SLT properties and adjacent lands managed by the Refuge. The STRAW Project's *Lepidium* and *Dittrichia* Control Projects complement several efforts underway or in the planning stages to restore tidal wetlands for the benefit of estuarine-dependent species including migratory waterfowl and shorebirds and endangered species

SLT supports the Refuge and the Bay Institute's programs largely through in-kind contributions; SLT purchased the 4.5-acre property now used by the Refuge, provides office and storage space for Refuge staff at no cost, and contributes SLT volunteers to the native plant nursery and community-based restoration programs. These services amount to a to-date contribution of \$67,310.80. These values were determined as follows:

2004

Purchase of 4.5-acre site at Refuge office: 4.5 acres x \$9,500/acre = \$42,750

2005

Rent, October-December: 3 months x \$1,500/month = \$4,500

Greenhouse site preparation 42 volunteer hours x \$18.40/hour* = \$772.80

2006

Rent, annual 12 months x \$1,500 = \$18,000

Native plant nursery workdays 70 volunteer hours x \$18.40/hour = \$1,288

2007

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• \$18.40/hour based of Bureau of Labor Statistics current volunteer rate

We are pleased to maintain and strengthen our partnership with The Bay Institute and the Refuge. The continued collaboration of these groups will result in stronger local communities, improved health and biological diversity of adjacent wetland restoration projects, and the overall health of the San Francisco Estuary. I strongly urge you to approve this grant.

Sincerely,

John Brosnan

Baylands Program Manager

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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July 18, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr Bosco:

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We want to thank the California Coastal Conservancy for their prior investment in the STRAW Project's work in the Stemple and Walker Creeks. On behalf of the Board and staff of The Bay Institute (TBI), I am pleased to submit our proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy for the North Bay Priority Riparian & Estuarine Natural Resource Restoration Project from TBI's Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) Project.

STRAW will work in the priority watersheds of San Pablo Bay, Laguna de Santa Rosa, Tomales Bay, and Napa River. The proposed project helps to protect priority watersheds in the California coastal zone that are valuable natural resources of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem.

Riparian and estuarine habitat restoration will help to conserve the state's natural and scenic resources by protecting public and private property, wildlife, and the natural environment for the economic and social well-being of the people of California. The proposed habitat restoration will help to protect, maintain, enhance, and restore the overall quality of the coastal zone environment and its natural resources. This project will also help to maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this proposal. Please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 506-0150 x 26 should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Singerely

Grant Davis

Executive Director



DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 11, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of the "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project" from The Bay Institute.

This letter grants permission from the Dixie School District to the Bay Institute's STRAW Project for their continued restoration work with the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and students from Dixie Elementary School on the Miller Creek project site on the Dixie Elementary campus.

The STRAW project has worked at the Dixie site for a number of years. STRAW will continue to work at this site during the 2007/08 school year with four classes from Dixie Elementary School. The work will consist of pulling invasives and installing native plants.

I urge you to fund this proposed project. Restoration activities at this project site will bring about lasting effects for the environment as well as for our community's children through hands-on environmental science education. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Lohwasser

Superintendent

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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July 9, 2007

Dogulas Bosco
Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of The Bay Institute's (TBI) Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project to the Coastal Conservancy's Educational, Community-Based, "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building program.

I have participated in the STRAW Project's teacher network since 2000. The STRAW Project provides teachers with on-going professional develop in watershed education. They inspect teachers and make it possible for us to provide our classes with excellent material and watershed studies. I use the information I receive from STRAW with my class that a court the school year. My class has participated in STRAW restorations for the past the years.

I teach a combination third/fourth grade class. I have been part of the STRAW Teacher Network and my students have participated in restoration activities with STRAW since 2000. As a teacher, I very much appreciate the STRAW Project's integrated program of classroom support for watershed studies. The STRAW Project helps students to find their place in context to the watershed they live in by involving students in professionally designed hands-on creek restoration experiences to improve riparian habitat. STRAW's cliect-based approach helps to bring science alive for students and show them how to environmental stewards. My students are very interested in how their restoration attivities provide better habitat for wildlife. I have seen my students learn deeply a rough their experiences with \$ TRAW.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Teachers and children throughout the Bay Area and greatly benefit from the California Coastal Conservancy's funding of this trails are STRAW Project is truly a geml

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July 11, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As a partner with The Bay Institute's (TBI) Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project, I am writing in support of TBI's proposal to the Coastal Conservancy's Educational, Community-Based, "Hands-On" Habitat Restoration and Trail Building Program.

I have participated in the STRAW Project's network since 1999. My third grade classes have also participated in restoration activities with STRAW since 1999. My colleagues, and fellow third grade teachers, Juliet James and Sarah Rankin, have participated with their classes with STRAW for the past three years.

The STRAW Project is very special in that it provides an integrated program of classroom support for watershed studies, centered on involving students in professionally designed, hands-on creek restoration experiences to improve riparian habitat. The STRAW Project uses non-tidal waters and the landscape around them as "hands-on" laboratories to engage students in inquisitive processes in meaningful watershed activities. Students investigate their experiences through data collection, observation, and hands-on activities.

The restoration experiences for students are complemented with classroom watershed studies focused on learning about indicators of stream and watershed health, including water quality, birds, aquatic insects, wetland macroinvertebrates, and stream flow.

STRAW serves teachers with ongoing professional development that provides teachers with training in restoration methodology, investigative watershed studies, and project-oriented pedagogy, building their capacity to deliver meaningful watershed experiences to our students. This type of professional development enables me to bring meaningful watershed experiences into my classroom that meet my students' interests.

The third grade classes at Old Adobe Elementary participated in a restoration at the Tolay Lake Regional Park on November 14, 2006. We look forward to returning to this site next year to see how the native plants have grown and to see how this site is evolving. Thank you for this opportunity to express how meaningful these restoration activities are for us and our students.

Sincerely.

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Old Adobe School

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

July 9, 2007

Dogulas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is in support of the "Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW): Riparian and Estuarine Restoration Project from The Bay Institute.

I am a Sixth Grade Science teacher at American Canyon Middle School. My advisory group has taken several trips to clean our local creek, unfortunately, there is still much work to be done. We learned about the STRAW Project and how they work with students to conduct professionally-designed restoration projects. STRAW has been working with us this past year.

The lower portion of Rancho Creek (below the metal foot bridge at the Middle School) is well vegetated, and appears to have been professionally planned and restored. Above the bridge however, through Donaldson Way Elementary School the creek banks are denuded of all vegetation - they are simply dirt banks which may prevent flooding but do little for the environment. They don't look very attractive either. We look forward to restoring native vegetation to that area, as well as to removing some "invasive" species from the lower portions of creek.

Students at the school are forming a club to work on the creek more next year, as well as a GATE class that will be offered to the cause. I will also work with my science classes on watershed health and creek restoration. The STRAW Project is a welcome addition to our work on the creek. The students are excited about helping the creek. It is important to them and is a part of their lives. I appreciate being included in the planning / restoration efforts with the STRAW Project. It is important that the students have real life applications for what we do in the classroom. I am hoping that by studying our creek the students will take ownership of it and take care of it (and others) in the future.

The students at American Canyon Middle School removed a large amount of debris from Rancho Creek, and made signs asking people not to litter. The students also performed measurement and analysis of the habitat with assistance from the Flood Control District (Todd Adams and Tracy Arensberg), and the Bay Institute's STRAW Project (Brita Dempsey). I have learned that this is an important project for the Napa River Flood Control Project as well

This project has been a success because of the Middle School Students, the Flood Control District, the Bay Institute, as well as their teacher Amy Stark and myself. Thank you for your consideration to fund the STRAW Project. Please know what a great investment this is for our students.

Sincerely,

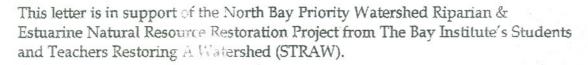
Anna Niklewicz

American Canyon Middle School

July 16, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:



The STRAW Project will work at on York Creek at the Beringer Vineyards bottling plant site in St. Helena. York Creek is a tributary to the Napa River, which flows to the Pacific Ocean via San Pablo Bay.

This project will complement the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of St. Helena to remove 70% of Upper York Creek Dam. Revegetation efforts on York Creek will help to improve steelhead and wildlife passage and to improve aquatic and riparian habitat.

As the landowner of this site, Foster's Wine Estates Americas grants access to the STRAW Project to the site for preparation and restoration activities. Foster's Wine Estates Americas also provides assurances that the project site will be maintained for a minimum of 20 years.

We look forward to working with STRAW and the students who will perform the revegetation efforts. Thousands of visitors come to the site annually for wine tasting and this could be a fantastic educational opportunity to share the ecological importance of reparian restoration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Operations Manager

cc: Jeff Melby, Thoject Manager

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October 25, 2007

Ms. Janet Diehl Project Manager Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA

Dear Ms. Diehl:

I am writing to support the grant application by the Pacifica Land Trust.

The submitted grant proposal has outlined the environmental necessity of preserving the headlands while ensuring the restoration and improvement of Pedro Point. The three year project proposal is both practical and economically feasible. This proposal will provide much needed project management which allows the community to play an important role in their surroundings. This proposal will also encourage the conservation of open space, wetlands, creeks, beaches and trails in the regions of Pacifica.

As the State Senator representing Pacifica, I am committed to well-designed projects to preserve and improve our open space. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve the grant request for the Pacifica Land Trust. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 557-7857.

Singerely,

Senato Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D. Assistant President pro Tempore

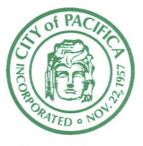
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October 25, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Pacifica Land Trust's Proposal Regarding the Pedro Point Headlands

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Pacifica's Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Liaison Committee to express our unanimous support for the subject project. The Committee, consisting of eleven Pacifica citizens, enthusiastically supports the project submitted by the Pacifica Land Trust (PLT) for the restoration and improvement of the Pedro Point Headlands. As an expression of this support, the Committee has agreed to co-sponsor several citizenled work days with PLT on the Headlands project.

As you know, the site is currently owned by both the City of Pacifica and the Coastal Conservancy. Despite all the attention the Headlands received from the Pacifica Land Trust in terms of erosion control, native plant restoration, trail planning, and trail maintenance in the past, much remains to be done. This grant will help PLT, the GGNRA, the City of Pacifica, and your agency achieve the long-standing goals of protecting this valuable coastal site and prepare it for more the projected increase in public use. When the Devils' Slide project is completed, the Headlands are destined to become a major destination point for visitors who want to use the abandoned portion of Highway 1 and the Headland trails to which they will interconnect.

Finally, the project will facilitate a partnership between the PLT and the Pedro Point Community Association, and will provide the community an opportunity to take an active role in the preservation of this vital area. For all these reasons, we urge you to support this project. Thank you and the staff at the State Coastal Conservancy for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely.

Cc: Pacifica City Council Stephen A. Rhodes, City Manager, City of Pacifica Bernie Halloran, President, PLT

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October 22, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for Pacifica Land Trust Grant - Pedro Point Headlands Invasives/Erosion Control and Trail Enhancement Stewardship Partnership

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We enthusiastically support the Grant Application submitted by the Pacifica Land Trust for the restoration and improvement of the Pedro Point Headlands, and specifically, for erosion control, habitat enhancement and improved trail access and safety. Currently owned by the City of Pacifica and the Coastal Conservancy, the Headlands are destined to become part of our national park system when the GGNRA takes over the property, and will become much more widely used when the Devil's Slide Tunnel is completed.

The proposed project is consistent with the Pacifica Open Space Plan and the California Coastal Trail Plan. The proposal will stimulate an active partnership between the PLT and the Pedro Point Community Association, and will provide the community an opportunity to take an active role in the preservation of this vital area.

Without the support of the Conservancy, the Headlands might continue to deteriorate biologically and physically, to the detriment of the public. We are extremely thankful to you for consideration of this grant proposal.

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Sincerely,

Pete DeJarnatt

Mayor, City of Pacifica

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October 22, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for Pacifica Land Trust Grant - Pedro Point Headlands Invasives/Erosion Control and Trail Enhancement Stewardship Partnership

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Pacificans for Sustainable Development is a grass roots general purpose political action committee which exists to encourage a dynamic community/City partnership to promote an environmentally sound and economically viable vision for Pacifica. One of our specific objectives is to work with the community and government agencies to ensure the ongoing protection, management and (where appropriate) expansion of our open space, parkland, wetlands, creeks, beaches and trails.

We enthusiastically support the Grant Application submitted by the Pacifica Land Trust for the restoration and improvement of the Pedro Point Headlands, and specifically, for erosion control, habitat enhancement and improved trail access and safety. Currently owned by the City of Pacifica and the Coastal Conservancy, the Headlands are destined to become part of our national park system when the GGNRA takes over the property, and will become much more widely used when the Devil's Slide Tunnel is completed.

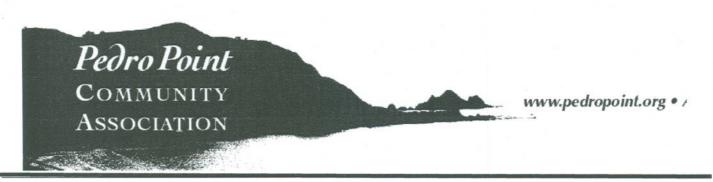
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Sincerely,

Andrew Leone, Co-Chair

Cc: Stephen A. Rhodes, City Manager, City of Pacifica Bernie Halloran, President, PLT



Ms. Anna Schneider San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

To: Ms. Ann Schneider, Coastal Conservancy

CC: Pacifica Land Trust

From: Pedro Point Community Association

Subject: Coastal Conservancy Grant Support

Dear Coastal Conservancy:

The purpose of us writing this letter is to support the efforts of the Pacifica Land Trust's (PLT) application for a grant to assist with the educational, community-based habitat Restoration and trail building of the Pedro Point Headlands. We, The Pedro Point Community Association, through the PLT will work as volunteers to become part of GGNRA's Trail Keeper program as the new program matures.

PPCA will organize, along with PLT and GGNRA Liaison Committee, the volunteer work days. We would also serve as volunteer docents (as needed) for our residents as well as visitors from elsewhere to experience the nature walks available to them in our area.

With the grant, PTL plans to hire someone who will organize and support our stewardship partnership and we fully support this effort.

Once The Pedro Point Headland becomes a formal GGNRA park, our hope is that the PPCA will join the PLT in long term stewardship activities to bring out the outstanding recreational qualities of this site.

Sincerely,

The Pedro Point Community Association

Jan Shood, Board Hember
March Secretary

Board Hember

John James Board Member

asilles, Vice-President

October 19, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco Chairman Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1300 Oakland, CA 94612.

Sir:

I am writing to support the application for funds to help restore and enhance the trails at the San Pedro Point Headlands in Pacifica, California.

For many years the area up there was used by motorcycles, it was trashed, and it was not a place that you would want to hike. Now it has been saved from that fate, the trails are usable, and I can hike in peace. What a wonderful place it is! There is nowhere in the Bay area that you can get to a spot way out over the ocean, with birds and native plants, and vistas to the North and South for miles, that can top this lovely place. It is special.

It needs more work, to keep out the trail bikes, to control the Pampas Grass, to cut back the Monterey Pines and eucalyptus and stop other invasives.

Erosion control, water bars, and other trail work are crucial. This place can be used by many more if a little work is done, if it is not done, I see the return to the old days of destruction.

Sincerely,

John Murphy 816 Bower Rd. Pacifica, CA 94044

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October 22, 2007

The Watershed Project 1327 South 46th St. 155 Richmond Field Station Richmond, CA 94804

ATTN: Juliana Gonzalez:

Dear Friends:

I am writing in strong support of the San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society (SPAWNERS) in their efforts to protect San Pablo Creek.

For seven years SPAWNERS has played a key leadership role in raising community awareness of the San Pablo watershed through a regular newsletter, community meetings and working with local groups to increase appreciation of the value of the resource. SPAWNERS has undertaken an extensive habitat restoration project on county land in El Sobrante including numerous clean-up projects on parts of the Creek and all of its year-round tributaries, conducted scientific data collection surveys of the Creek, and published a watershed plan to serve as a guide for further action. In addition, they have attracted a corps of dedicated, effective volunteers whose mission is to continually advocate for the preservation and protection of San Pablo Creek. Their work enhances not only wildlife habitat in the area, but the quality of life in the entire watershed.

In the thirty-three years I have served in Congress I am proud to represent a district that includes organizations such as SPAWNERS. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MILLER
Member of Congress
7th District, California

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October 15, 2007

California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society

Dear Coastal Conservancy Board:

I write to support the San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society (SPAWNERS) grant application currently under consideration by the California Coastal Conservancy.

If awarded a grant, SPAWNERS would be able to continue its evaluation, protection and restoration of the San Pablo Creek, its tributaries and its associated watershed below the San Pablo Reservoir to San Pablo Bay. A Coastal Conservancy grant would also enable SPAWNERS to continue informing and educating local residents through the use of a regular newsletter, classroom outreach, informative talks and community meetings.

SPAWNERS' efforts enhance not only wildlife habitat in the Bay Area, but also the quality of life for humans in the watershed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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October 12, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer my support of a grant application by SPAWNERS (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society), a local creek preservation group located in my district. This grant will enable SPAWNERS to actively continue their non-profit work in the evaluation, protection, and restoration of the San Pablo Creek, its tributaries and associated watershed below the San Pablo Reservoir to the San Pablo Bay.

As a State Assemblywoman and Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources representing a district that is served by many projects geared towards improving the local and state environment, I support the work of SPAWNERS that enhances not only wildlife habitat in the area, but community involvement to improve the quality of life in the watershed.

I strongly urge your consideration to fund SPAWNERS so that they can continue to support innovative projects which seek to improve the environment and protection of life in the watershed.

Sincerely,

LONI HANCOCK Assemblywoman

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The Watershed Project Juliana Gonzalez 1327 S. 46th Street 155 Richmond Field Station Richmond, CA 94804

Re: Letter of Support for SPAWNERS

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

I am writing to offer my support for SPAWNERS.

For the past seven years, the El Sobrante-based group known as SPAWNERS (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society) has been actively involved in the evaluation, protection, and restoration of the San Pablo Creek, its tributaries, and its associated watershed below the San Pablo Reservoir to San Pablo Bay.

SPAWNERS also provides a regular newsletter, hosts community meetings, and meets with local groups in order to enhance community awareness of the watershed, and to increase over-all appreciation of the value of this valuable and fragile resource.

To this end, SPAWNERS has undertaken an extensive habitat restoration project on county land, behind the El Sobrante Library, has supervised numerous clean-up projects on parts of San Pablo Creek, and all of its year-round tributaries, conducted scientific data collection surveys of San Pablo Creek and its tributaries, published a watershed plan to serve as a guide for further action, and has attracted a corps of dedicated, effective volunteers whose mission it is to continually advocate for the preservation and protection of San Pablo Creek and its tributaries.

Their work enhances not only wildlife habitat in the area, but the quality of life in the watershed.

I heartily support the efforts of SPAWNERS.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

John Gioia

Supervisor, District One

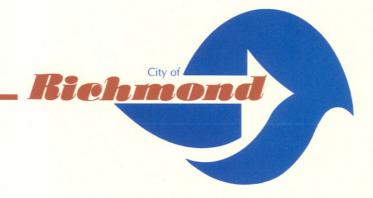
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JOHN E. MARQUEZ, COUNCILMEMBER

October 19, 2007

Ms. Juliana Gonzalez The Watershed Project 1327 South 46th Street Building 155 Richmond, CA 94804

RE: Letter of Support for the SPAWNERS

Dear Ms. Gonzalez,

As a member of the Richmond City Council, I am writing in support of a locally-based-environmental group known as the **SPAWNERS** (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society). The main goal of the **SPAWNERS** is the protection of natural habitats. By inspiring a community to appreciate these rare elements of nature through education and advocacy, wildlife habitats and its surrounding environments can be preserved and maintained.

SPAWNERS is actively involved with the evaluation, protection, and restoration of the San Pablo Creek, its tributaries, and its associated watershed, by undertaking extensive restoration projects through numerous creek clean-up projects, below the San Pablo Reservoir to San Pablo Bay. In addition to monitoring water quality in the surrounding areas and promoting native plant gardening, the **SPAWNERS** are also participating in the rescue and conservation of local wildlife.

The **SPAWNERS** have also published a watershed plan to serve as a guide for further action along with providing a regular newsletter, hosting community meetings, and convening with local groups to enhance community awareness of the watershed and to increase overall appreciation of this valuable and fragile resource.

To this end, the **SPAWNERS** have attracted a group of dedicated and successful volunteers whose mission is to continually advocate for the preservation and protection of San Pablo Creek and its tributaries. Their work enhances not only wildlife habitat in the area, but the quality of life in and around the watershed.

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Therefore, I ask that you seriously consider the **SPAWNERS'** grant application to receive \$20,000 from the Coastal Conservancy (Prop 84 Funds).

Very truly yours,

John E. Marquez
Councilmember

JEM:MR

July 19, 2007

To: The California Coastal Conservancy

The City of Albany would like to express its support for the Codornices Creek Watershed Council grant application for a Codornices Creek Interpretive Trail and Restoration Project. The City of Albany, together with the City of Berkeley and the University of California, have been working for over ten years to restore Codornices Creek. This long-term project, having successfully completed Phase 1 (Railroad to 5th street) and Phase 2 (Fifth street to 6th Street) will be embarking on Phase 3 (6th to 8th street) in the upcoming year. This phase includes both creek restoration and construction of a Class 1 bicycle trail that will connect the creek, ballfields, University Village and the Berkeley and Albany bicycle networks.

While our project will implement the construction and restoration of the creek and the construction of the trail, we see the Codornices Creek Watershed Council as an important part of community building around creek restoration in our area. Activities proposed, including hands on restoration, trail interpretive elements, and overall environmental education are vital to ensuring public participation and a deeper appreciation of restoration efforts. We hope you will support this grant as we begin to turn this unique urban feature into a recreational and environmental asset for the larger community.

I urge you to visit the City of Albany's website at www.albanyca.org and click on Capital Projects—Codornices Creek, to view the kite aerial photographs of this project.

Sincerely,

Judy Lieberman Assistant City Administrator From: "Pam Boyle" <pamboyle@gmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Grant Proposal Support Date: July 20, 2007 2:29:55 PM PDT

To: "Daniel Dole" <dandole@sbcglobal.net>

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From: Judy Hardin < ihardin@tenspeed.com >

Date: Jul 18, 2007 9:03 AM Subject: Grant Proposal Support

To: pamboyle@gmail.com

Dear Pam.

I work at Ten Speed Press, which is near the Codornices Creek around 8th Street. I understand there is a grant proposal for continuing creek restoration and a design project for installation of native plants, benches, signage, public art and a park.

I support this grant proposal and look forward to volunteering once the restoration design project begins. I am eager to volunteer my time in restoring native plant life and habitat and exploring fundraising activities for benches and signs. I would love to see a bench dedicated by Ten Speed Press along the creek side where I frequently eat my lunch.

Thank you for your sustaining work on the restoration of the local creeks.

Best.

Judy Hardin

Director of Business Automation

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November 5, 2007

Re: Support for Marin County Parks and Open Space District Application for Coastal Conservancy Grant

Douglas Bosco Chair of the California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco

I am pleased to support the Marin County Open Space District's proposal to fund the Bothin Marsh enhancement and education program. Coastal Conservancy funding will provide both community education and opportunities to participate in "hands-on" habitat restoration informing the community about the importance of tidal wetlands.

The location of the project site, along a popular portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, insures that the message of environmental protection reaches a large number of people of all ages in the community. This location is at the confluence of a coming together of people of all ages. Students at Tamalpais High School and the elders living at The Redwoods, a senior living community, live and work right next to this preserve along Marin County Open Space's most heavily used multi-use path in the county.

This project not only preserves Marin's precious tidal wetlands, home and habitat to many species of plants and animals, but also promotes essential environmental stewardship in the State of California. Thank you for carefully considering the inherent value that this restoration project will have connecting the people of Marin to this beautiful, life-sustaining place.

Sincerely,

Charles McGlashan Vice-President

Supervisor, Southern Marin

Cc: Jeff Melby

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

FONR supports project to enhance Napa River Ecological Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Friends of the Napa River (FONR), a nonprofit community organization dedicated to the restoration, protection and celebration of the Napa River and its watershed, supports the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in its effort to obtain funds to implement "Local Community Taking Action to Enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve for Wildlife Habitat and Recreational Open Space."

FONR is a diverse group, providing the community's voice for a healthy river that has been neglected too long. We are actively involved in addressing different concerns about the Napa River such as boating, fishing, flooding, watershed protection, trails, festivals, and sensible riverfront development.

FONR values this opportunity to enhance the Napa River Ecological Reserve near Yountville and provide quality opportunities to connect the community with the Napa River and its environs. The Napa River Ecological Reserve is an ideal location to implement this project because the site is centrally located and is publicly accessible. The project will enhance an existing site and make it a much more desirable place for the community to recreate, to assist in maintaining, and to learn about native wildlife and their habitats. FONR looks forward to promoting the various volunteer opportunities that will exist as a result of this project and we request a favorable review of the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Bernhard Krevet

President

Jeff Melby, Coastal Conservancy CC:

John Woodbury, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District

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November 19, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94512

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Please accept this letter of support for the Sonoma Ecology Center's project titled *Community Hands-On Nathanson Creek*. I am delighted that the Coastal Conservancy is considering funding this innovative community-based restoration initiative.

This project is a terrific opportunity to forge a meaningful connection between the local community and the large-scale, high-visibility restoration project planned for downtown Sonoma on the Nathanson Creek Preserve River Parkway and Trailway Corridor. By supporting a series of "Hands On" restoration work-days, the Sonoma Ecology Center will offer opportunities for the community to take an active role in the restoration of over 2.4 acres of Nathanson Creek's riparian vegetation communities.

This Hands-On project will engages students from adjacent elementary, middle and high school campuses and their families, and the community at large comprised of local neighborhoods and businesses. Project funding will be used to deliver middle school hands-on restoration opportunities, to sponsor high school summer restoration interns ("Enviro-leaders"), and to recruit and supervise a team of residential and business volunteers to assist with project installation and on-going stewardship needs.

I feel strongly that this "Hands-On" project will foster a long-term commitment on the part of local citizens to project stewardship. I encourage you to support funding of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jared Huffman

California State Assemblyman

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy

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LONI HANCOCK ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

November 20, 2007

Jeff Melby Project Manager State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Melby:

I am writing to expresses my support for the Urban Creeks Council's proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education Project.

The Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education Project will benefit local communities and, through partnership with the Contra Costa College, serve as a regional resource for watershed restoration and education. This project will implement a vegetation restoration project on a 500 foot section of Rheem Creek on the Contra Costa College campus, by replacing invasive plants with a diverse community of native plants and creating important wildlife habitat. The project will involve the Rheem Creek community, including Contra Costa College students, local schools and watershed residents, in watershed restoration by engaging them in the implementation of the restoration project. It will also educate students and visitors to the importance of native plant communities, as well as contribute to the establishment of a science-based watershed curriculum at the College.

The Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education Project will be an important ecological and educational resource for Rheem Creek as well as the students and residents of the Rheem Creek Watershed and larger Bay Area. It is for these reasons that I urge the State Coastal Conservancy to support the Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education project.

Sincerely.

LONI HANCOCK

Assemblywoman

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October 30, 2007

Chairman Douglas Bosco CA State Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Marin County Open Space District: Bothin Marsh Enhancement and Education Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to extend my strong support for the Marin County Open Space District's proposal to fund the **Bothin Marsh Enhancement and Education Program**.

This funding will provide community education and opportunities to participate in "Hands-On" habitat restoration that will inform the community about the importance of tidal wetlands.

The location of the project site, along a popular portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, insures that the message of environmental protection reaches a large number of the community. Funding projects like this is a critical step in the effort to preserve Marin County's unique cultural heritage and in promoting environmental stewardship in the State of California.

Again, I urge your support for this funding proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

JARED HUFFMAN

Assemblymember, 6th District

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cc: Mr. Jeff Melby

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MILL VALLEY STREAMKEEPERS

October 31, 2007

3 Rose Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941

Mr. Douglas Bosco Chairman, California Coastal Conservancy Floor 13 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Bothin Marsh Restoration

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Mill Valley Streamkeepers applauds the efforts to restore Bothin Marsh, an important part of our ecosystem, on Richardson Bay.

As you know, Marin County has lost a stunning amount of its wetlands, much to the detriment of our environment. We need to support preservation of the areas we have left. At present, environmentalists are doing all they can to protect the Baylands Corridor, through the new Countywide Plan.

Bothin Marsh is a visual reminder of both what we have lost and what we must retain. Its prominence along highway 101 is a familiar sight to many who are delighted by the egrets, ducks, and other shorebirds which inhabit it.

Volunteers have worked to remove invasive species and to revegetate the marsh, but more is needed.

We know you will give careful consideration to the request for the Bothin Marsh Project, and we hope that you will support the efforts to restore this wonderful asset and the habitat which fosters the survival of many native plants and animals.

Sincerely,

Mill Valley StreamKeepers

CC: Mr. Jeff Melby, Conservancy Project Manager

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November 21, 2007

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As we've seen from the recent catastrophic oil spill in the San Francisco Bay, our delicate shorelines, streams, and creeks are important to supporting a wide array of unique wildlife in our community. Clearly, the Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education Project is an important ecological and educational resource not just for Contra Costa County, but for the entire Bay Area. I am confident that Urban Creeks Council has great capacity to implement this program.

If I can answer any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, District One

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TENTH SENATE DISTRICT

November 29, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is to express my support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) continuing efforts to protect and enhance water quality for its customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties while maintaining excellence in their natural resources stewardship. Protecting the quality of the public water supply is of vital importance to our communities. In addition, enhancing the resource values of local natural open space areas, especially those adjacent to highly developed and urbanized regions, as well as protecting the San Francisco Bay, are all priorities to our region. The implementation of the Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Program will continue EBMUD's commitment to residents in the East Bay.

The volunteer component of the project will provide excellent opportunities for local students to work side-by-side with natural resource professionals. EBMUD's track record as an industry leader in both delivering water/wastewater services and managing watershed lands clearly makes them an excellent organization to implement this program.

I believe this is exactly the type of project the California Legislature and voters had in mind when they developed and passed the California Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). This project would be an excellent use of Proposition 84 funds and I hope the application is received by the California Coastal Conservancy with as much enthusiasm and excitement for the project as I have.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Corbett Senator, District 10

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November 26, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Project

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This letter is to express my support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's continuing efforts to protect and enhance water quality for its customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties while maintaining excellence in their natural resources stewardship. Protecting the quality of the public water supply is of vital importance to our communities.

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The volunteer component of the project will provide excellent opportunities for local students to work side-by-side with natural resource professionals, learn about the source of their drinking water, and increase their environmental awareness. EBMUD's track record as an industry leader in both delivering water/wastewater services and managing watershed lands clearly makes the agency an excellent organization to implement this program. EBMUD has long been a leader in integrating community volunteers of all ages into such efforts.

I hope that the EBMUD application is favorably received by the California Coastal Conservancy. Thank you for your consideration.

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Senator Tom Torlakson

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, California Coastal Commission

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Sincerely,

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager California Coastal Conservancy

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November 28, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco Chairman Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Save the Bay's grant application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Save the Bay's project application for their San Francisco Bay community-based restoration projects.

This grant will be used by Save the Bay to work with 2,500 volunteers who will perform critical habitat restoration at five restoration sites. The work will include two sites in Senate District 11.. At the Bair Island site non-native species will be removed in preparation for breaching the levees. At the mouth of San Francisquito Creek in the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve the volunteers will plant native species in addition to the removal of non-native species.

Save the Bay's community-based restoration program is important to the health of the Bay. This proposal will result in the restoration of nearly 50 acres of tidal and riparian habitat providing significant benefit to the Bay's habitat and opportunity for hands-on stewardship among our residents.

I encourage you to give the Save the Bay's grant proposal every consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S. Joseph Simitian

State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: Felicia Madsen, Save the Bay

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November 26, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my strong support for a grant request by Save the Bay for their San Francisco Bay community-based restoration projects. This grant will support Save the Bay's work to restore up to 50 acres of vital wetland habital at five different shoreline locations around the Bay.

I have experienced first-hand the fabulous restoration work taking place through Save the Bay's community—based programs. Along with my constituents, I attended one of Save the Bay's restoration work days at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve. Together, we helped plant native vegetation and remove invasive plants and trash to provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife. I was very impressed with Save the Bay's ability to involve local citizens in meaningful work to protect and restore the most important natural resource in our region.

As you know, Eden Landing is an important part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, which will transform the South San Francisco Bay into healthy, thriving habitat for fish and wildlife. I am convinced that the volunteer restoration opportunities Save the Bay provides are an extremely effective way to not only restore our wetlands, but to connect East Bay residents to the importance of their local shoreline.

I am pleased to support this funding application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alberto Torrico

Assemblymember, 20th District



Oni Hancock ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

November 28, 2007

Douglas Bosco Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco.

COMMITTEES:

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This letter is to express my support for the Codornices Creek Watershed Council's (CCWC) "Watershed Stewardship Project" application to the Coastal Conservancy. In my district, the Cities of Albany and Berkeley, as well as the University of California-Berkeley, have been working for over ten years to restore Codornices Creek in the lower watershed. This long-term project is helping to remove fish barriers, improve fish and macroinvertebrate habitat, increase community access, and enhance the quality of life in a watershed that is home to the threatened steelhead trout, rainbow trout and other native species. This is especially noteworthy as this watershed is densely populated, including much of North Berkeley and South Albany, and the creek itself is constricted between private residences through much of its length before reaching the Bay just north of Golden Gate Fields.

The CCWC's project will fill in the missing community piece of the project by actively involving local citizens and families in the entire process, from design through implementation and long-term maintenance. Activities proposed include a community-design charrette, handson restoration, trail interpretive elements and overall environmental education and will ensure local buy-in and project sustainability. I hope you will support the Watershed Council's grant application to move forward the vision of turning the Codornices Watershed into a much-needed recreational and environmental asset in a heavily urbanized area.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

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Sincerely,

LONI HANCOCK

Assemblywoman

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cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager

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November 28, 2007

Jeff Melby, Project Manager California Coastal Conservancy 1339 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Melby

The Santa Clara County Weed Management Area is pleased to support the application of Acterra's Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Stewardship Project for a California Coastal Conservancy grant. The Santa Clara County Weed Management Area (SCCWMA) has worked with Acterra for seven years in their work at the Preserve. Acterra is an active participant in the SCCWMA, providing expertise to, and learning from, other member organizations.

Our involvement with Acterra's restoration work at the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve has given us the opportunity to see first hand how their community-based stewardship approach benefits the riparian habitat of Arastradero Creek. Over the past ten years, Acterra has developed successful training, education, outreach, and monitoring components to complement their hands-on, on the ground approach to restoring the native ecosystem at Pearson-Arastradero Preserve.

As a partner in this successful and ongoing effort, the SCCWMA has supported Acterra's restoration work by providing funding for their non-native plant eradication and control programs. These successful programs have leveraged Acterra's staff expertise in non-native species control and have resulted in the removal of many thousands of non-native plants from the restoration areas as well as the re-introduction of native flora to those sites.

The outcome of Acterra's work will be the improved ecological health of the riparian habitat of Arastradero Creek, potentially expanding critical habitat for endangered California tiger salamanders and threatened California red-legged frogs. Additionally, the on-going exchange of information and ideas with the other SCCWMA member organizations will benefit our shared experience in habitat restoration, including non-native species control and the planting and maintenance of native grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees.

We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with Acterra and again express our strong support for their application to the California Coastal Conservancy. Please contact me with any questions – 408.918.4626.

Sincerely,

Eric Wylde, Chair, SCCWMA

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is to express our support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) continuing efforts to protect and enhance water quality for its customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties while maintaining excellence in their natural resources stewardship. Protecting the quality of the public water supply is of vital importance to our communities. In addition, enhancing the resource values of local natural open space areas, especially those adjacent to highly developed and urbanized regions, and protecting the San Francisco Bay are priorities to our region. The implementation of the Watershed Oak Savannah Restoration Program will continue EBMUD's commitment to residents in the East Bay.

The volunteer component of the project will provide excellent opportunities for local students to work side-by-side with natural resource professionals, learn about the source of their drinking water, and increase their environmental awareness. EBMUD's track record as an industry leader in both delivering water/wastewater services and managing watershed lands clearly makes them an excellent organization to implement this program.

We also believe this is exactly the type of project the California Legislature and voters had in mind when they developed and passed the California Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). We believe the proposed project would be an excellent use of Proposition 84 funds, and we hope the application is received by the California Coastal Conservancy with as much enthusiasm and excitement for the project as we have.

Sincerely,

Mark DeSaulnier

Assembly Member, 11th District

cc: Jeff Melby, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy

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I am pleased to offer my support to Save The Bay's funding request for its San Francisco Bay community-based restoration projects, which is under consideration by the State Coastal Conservancy.

Funding for this project is vitally important to help protect and restore the San Francisco Bay shoreline. Save The Bay, working with hundreds of volunteers, will restore five shoreline wetland sites around the Bay, including restoration of Santa Venetia Marsh in San Rafael.

Since 1999, Save The Bay has worked with 40,000 Bay Area adults and students to restore more than 100 acres of critical wetland habitat by hand, resulting in high-quality, diverse plant vegetation that supports growing populations of the endangered California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

As we now better understand after the Cosco Busan oil spill, it is more important than ever that we take immediate steps to restore our precious wetlands so wildlife has increased habitat for greater survival during such emergencies.

With the Coastal Conservancy's support, Save The Bay will be able to continue its mission to help restore San Francisco Bay's fish and wildlife, and facilitate greater involvement in restoration of the Bay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JARED HUFFMAN

Assemblymember, 6th District

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